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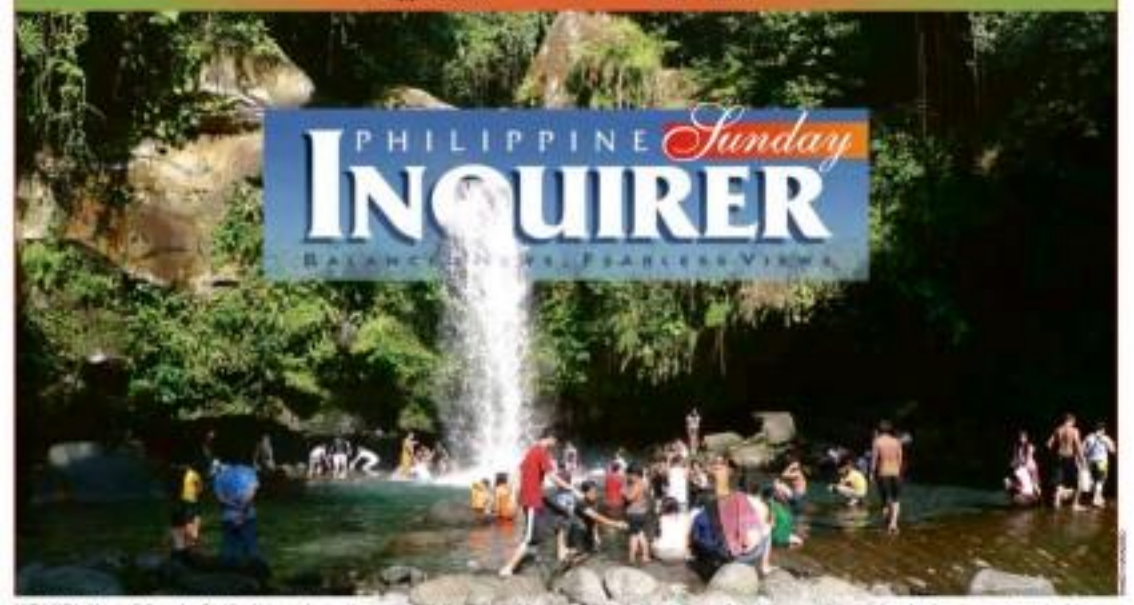

LIKE A SIGH Majayjay Falls gurgles off a cliff and into a pool enjoyed by young and old alike. The waterfall, even starved when the historic lava itself, is quiet in summer but is a gusher when the rains come, impressing the Laguna Lake Development Authority which is tracking all the waterways that empty into Laguna de Bay. Mahinlahin is only one of more than 19 waterfalls LLDA monitors for its potential to supply Metro Manila with clean water.

No parade for Noynoy

3 heads of state coming for no-frills inauguration

By TJ Burgonio

TO SAVE ON COSTS, PRESIDENT-ELECT BENIGNO "Noynoy" Aquino III will break tradition and do away with the parade at his June 30 inaugural.

"Since the first regular inauguration in 1908, this is probably the only one without the inaugural parade," historian Manuel Quezon III told the Inquirer yesterday on the phone. "He (Aquino) wants to save money and because from his point of view, it's really unnecessary."

Aquino will take his oath as the Philippines' 15th President and deliver his speech at high noon on June 30 at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila, in keeping with pre-martial law tradition.

So far, three Asian leaders—East Timor President Jose Ramos-Horta, Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak—have confirmed attendance at the inaugural, a foreign affairs official said.

"But we expect a number of foreign ministers and special envoys to attend," said the official, who asked not to be named for lack of authority to speak for the inaugural committees.

Their attendance "indicates solidarity and friendship" with us, the official said.

Secretary Ricardo Salido, deputy spokesperson of President Macapagal-Arroyo, agreed, saying: "That's a vote of confidence."

Ramos-Horta is a friend of Aquino's family. He was the only head of state who flew to the country in August 2009 to attend the wake and funeral of

NO PARADE A13

EVA ESTRADA KALAW Remembering how she caught the yellow fever in 1983

Opposition icon Eva Kalaw, 90, still has lots of living to do

By Cathy Yamsuan

EVA ESTRADA KALAW THROWS kisses at her guests as she enters the hotel function room where a thanksgiving Mass for her 90th birthday was to be celebrated on June 16.

"This is her debut. This is not a party for someone turning 90," said Tytona, her youngest son.

True enough, the former senator and martial-law opposition icon hardly looks her age. In her billowing aguinaldo gown, Kalaw looks like a flamenco dancer ready for her performance. Her nails are painted a bright pink. The only concession to age is a cane she calls "my third leg" that she leans on when she walks.

OPPOSITION A17

FATHER'S DAY

Mike Arroyo spinal surgery a success; now, he talks of golf

By TJ Burgonio

THE SPINAL SURGERY OF JOSE Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband, was a success, his doctors announced last night.

"I'm very happy to inform you that the surgery is successful. He's awake and will undergo rehab as soon as possible. He's already on a regular diet," Dr. Juliet Cervantes, the patient's main attending physician, told reporters in an interview aired over TV and radio.

Spine surgeon Dr. Mario Ver said Mike Arroyo would remain overnight

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Girl survives massacre but finds a father and a name

By Patricia Evangelista
Inquirer Columnist

IN POLICE ACCOUNTS, SHE WAS CALLED "the female child." Hospital records registered her as "Baby Girl."

None of the people who carried the month-old infant into the emergency room knew her name. She was soaked in blood and her breathing was shallow. There were cuts all over her body. One small hand had nearly been severed from her right arm.

This is the story of how she got her name and the father who found it for her.

There were two incidents that shaped the life of the infant who appeared at the Zamboanga Provincial Hospital in the late hours of May 28, 2006.

The first incident occurred at past seven in the evening, when a 23-year-old farmer named Pacot Z. in Barangay Lacunas,

GIRL A12

'BABY GIRL' Once upon a time, she was soaked in blood and nameless. Now she is healthy and happy, is called Fatmah, and has a Daddy

First prison orchestra sounds, feels like freedom to cons

By Anno A. Jordora

THE 86-YEAR-OLD MOTHER WEPT silently as the strains from a wind ensemble filled the halls of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) in the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) in Muntinlupa. For many in the audience last week, it was the debut performance of the first-ever prison orchestra and grand chorale.

But for the tearful gray-haired woman, it was the first time that she was hearing her 34-year-old son sing in public.

"I came to see my son every single week. Each time I come here I ask him if I could stay here to be with him," said Lourdes Tolosa.

Nelson's son, Gerry, who has been in jail for the past 21 years for a robbery with homicide conviction, gave a moving rendition of the song, "Ikaw Ang Lahat Sa Akin."

Though he comes from a family of singers—his grandmother was a soprano—Gerry never gave singing a thought until a few months ago when some inmates decided to put together the BuCor Grand Orchestra and Chorale.

"We want to transform idle time into productive time. And time is what we all have here," said Warren Zaguirgan, who organized the symphonic band and chorale with fellow inmate

FIRST A6

US envoy hosts night of music and all that jazz

By Pachuela Concepcion

US AMBASSADOR HARRY THOMAS Jr. looked ready to have a good time.

Shedding his usual suit and tie, he had donned a green Hawaiian shirt over black pants and welcomed guests to the living room of his official residence in North Forbes, Makati City.

The occasion was a special performance of the New York City-based Mark Sherman-Tim Hagman Jazz

SESSION A11

Brother-in-law of Luli Arroyo-Bernas, his wife and 2 children attacked by gunmen on C-5 corner Ortigas, Pasig City • Binay now considering either the office with view of Makati skyline or the Manila Bay sunset with a secret backdoor to boot • Inquirer Read-Along session is all about heroes, old and new to mark RP's 112th Independence Day **NEWS** • **Sharon, Gabby** in their daughter KC's eyes • Pinoy 'komiks' now a Hollywood movie **ENTERTAINMENT** • **Rustan's** pays special tribute to the exquisiteness of things Italian **SUNDAY LIFESTYLE** • **Celebs,** biz leaders recall their dads' best advice **SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE**

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'Luli' in-law shot during carjacking

By DJ Yap

THE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF EVANGELINE LOURDES "LULI" AROYO, the President's daughter, and his family were attacked by four armed men in a pre-dawn carjacking along C-5 Road in Pasig City on Saturday, the police said.

Businessman Arnyr Bersan, 41, was shot twice in the stomach and once in the left arm after he resisted the suspects and shouted for help.

Senior Supt. Jesus Cardona, Pasig City police chief, said the victim was the brother of Lulí Aroyo's husband, John Abraham "Sonny" Bersan.

Cardona said Bersan was rushed to The Medical City in Pasig City. He said Aroyo was yesterday [illegible] in stable condition.

Police gathered clue at about 5:15 a.m., Bersan, his wife Jo Anaboo, 42; their children Adriana, 12, and Antonio, 11; a maid household and their driver were traveling on C-5 in their Hyundai Starex van.

They had been picked up by their driver from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Pasay City and were on their way home to Greenmeadows in Quezon City when the incident occurred, Anaboo told investigators when interviewed in the hospital. They had just arrived from the United States (US) [illegible].

When they reached the corner of C-5 and Ortigas Avenue in Barangay Ugong, a white Toyota Hi-Ace van, bumped the rear right portion of their van, prompting Bersan and the driver to stop and alight from the car to inspect the damage.

Four armed men got down from the Hi-Ace and approached the group. When Bersan began shouting for help, one of the suspects shot him reportedly, police investigator Rolando Ignacio said in his report.

The suspects left Bersan lying on the ground and commandeered the Starex van while Bersan's wife and children and their [illegible] still onboard.

They dropped off the family at Echo corner Rubella Street in Makati City and drove off in the Starex followed by the Hi-Ace, the police said.

A passing Inquirer driver, Efren Gonda, saw the badly wounded Bersan and rushed him to the hospital.

Philippine National Police Director General Jesus Versoza has ordered a manhunt mounted for the four armed men.

Naia take-off, landing equipment conks out stranding thousands

By Nina Calleja

AN OLD AND WORN OUT INSTRUMENT used to guide planes taking off and landing at night at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) broke down early yesterday, stranding 5,000 passengers whose flights were either cancelled or delayed.

Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) General Manager Alfonso Cusi said that at about 5:30 a.m., the power supply used to power the navigational aid system of the runways at Naia malfunctioned.

"We have issued a Notam (Notice to Airmen) just to guide the airline operators about the situation here in Manila. The Notam applies up to 8 o'clock in the morning (Sunday)," Cusi said.

He said the expected time of arrival of flights coming from the US was adjusted from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Asked why said facilities opted not to suspend Naia's night operations, Cusi said improvised navigational facilities such as radio and the distance measuring equipment were working, making it possible for approaching airplanes to still land if "both weather and visibility are good."

"There are [no procedures in landing] but [the pilots] assist him," he said.

Cebu Pacific Airlines had to [illegible] 14 domestic flights to avoid the hazards posed by the defective navigational aid system.

Bought by CAAP 14 years ago, the instrument, located between the two runways of Naia, was to be replaced next year since it was no longer in good condition.

"It experienced technical problems because of the heavy rains lately. A short circuit may have occurred and motorpoint should be replaced," Manila International Airport Authority General Manager Alfredo Mathay said.

The instrument, called Very High Frequency Omni Directional Radio Range (VOR), aeronautically guides pilots in landings and takeoffs. It sends signals to aircraft to help them locate the airport.

"This equipment is especially important in night-time landings," Cusi said at a press conference shortly after he ordered an emergency meeting with officials.

'Cleaner air, water for Aquino'

THE ARROYO ADMINISTRATION will be turning over to the Aquino administration a less-polluted country with improved air and water quality, among other things, an environment official said Friday.

Undersecretary Demonte Laguardia, reporting on the achievements of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said the government was able to increase the number of protected areas around the Philippines from 23 in 2001 to 109 in 2010, or 3.4 million hectares.

The menace 11.5 percent of the country is now under protection or had been named into national parks, resulting in an increase in population of some endangered species like the tamaraw and tarsius, Ignacio said.

He said the air quality in Metro Manila had slightly improved, but that it was not yet up to standards.

"Metro Manila air is still pollution but it's less polluted," he told reporters, blaming the poor air quality mostly on vehicle emissions.

He underscored the need for private groups to help because the government could not do it alone.

Ignacio said 60 percent of the country's rivers and lakes were clean but not the rivers in urban centers like the Marikina and Pasig rivers.

But he said the water quality in the Marikina, Bocaue and San Juan rivers showed a slight improvement while the Pasig was being dredged to make it ready to handle any flooding. Christine O. Avendaño

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Noli denies involvement

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO YESterday said he was only "collateral damage" in a war among big businessmen as he described his implications in an alleged midnight deal involving the controversial Subic-Mariveles Development and Reclamation Project (SMDRP) with developer Rajah Resources.

Collateral damage, a term that originated in the United States military, is doubtspeak for damage that is unintended or incidental to the intended outcome, usually referring to innocent victims.

Speaking on the radio program, "Para sa Iyo, Bayan," De Castro said he was ordered by attempts by Roxas's business rivals to drag his name into the controversy so it came at a time he was about to leave office. De Castro's term expires on June 30.

"What I see, that is a clash of businessmen," De Castro told Filipinos. "Even what you would call a collateral damage."

He did not name the businessmen but said they did not need Roxas's or anyone else's name from the government.

"Why would my reputation now that I am about to leave? Nandiyan ang signing of documents? It is made to appear that I have some (deceptive) money. Hindi ako nga," he said.

He said that being the first ad rider was part of the ride that a public official faced. "You know what they say nakaw you are not attached like that, you are ineffective," he said.

He added, "But even if I am not a lawyer, what is my offense? Graft or plunder? Was there any sign[illegible] An agreement?"

De Castro noted that even Ligaya Hurtado, who filed the graft and plunder charges against him and three other favoring officials before the Ombudsman and Malay over the alleged deal, was himself confused. "Hindi nga niya alam kung ano, sasabihin ko ba dito ang ganito, ganito. Ang sinabi ko dito ay wala siyang alam," he said.

He added that someone was orchestrating Hurtado's moves. He did not identify the "someone."

He also said that there was no "midnight deal" since the drafts of the memorandum agreement and the compromise agreement with Rajah Resources were still in the technical working group level and that he had not seen them.

De Castro accused some people in the House Guarantee Corporation (HGC) of leaking the drafts to the media to stop Roxas's claims.

He said that this drafty would still have to go through the HGC management, which in turn would have to submit them to the HGC board for approval.

But this would no longer happen, he said, as the board headed by Finance Secretary Margarito Teves, with him as vice chair, would no longer meet because of the change in government. Cynthia Balana

NET WORTH OF HOUSE MEMBERS AS OF DEC. 31, 2009

(Continued from Friday)

	NAME	NET WORTH	HOUSE/CITY
252	Ruston, Franklin F.	13,000,000	Davao del Sur
253	Tamayo, Andres Jesús Jr. G.	13,000,000	Leyte
254	Jesus, Eduardo Bonoan II	9,000,000	Nueva Ecija
255	Rivera, Jose Antonio I	9,000,000	Party List
256	Ortiz, Ronaldo Rivera Kintanar	8,745,000	Occidental Mindo
257	Marcilla, Rolando E.	8,720,000	2nd, Aurora
258	Tejano, Gino Basilio A.	8,515,457	Tarlac-Angeles City
259	Ong, Ciriaco	8,025,000	Northern Samar
260	Teodoro, Maximiliano Alberto R.	8,007,000	Marikina City
261	Guanzon, Agapito D.	8,000,000	4th, Quezon
262	Chiongbian, Salvacion M.	8,000,000	Siquijor
263	Tupas, Edmundo G. II	8,000,000	1st, Cotabato
264	Tolits-Mendoza, Gonzalo Luis L.	7,791,744	North Cotabato
265	Cuadra, Rose Beatriz	7,767,754	Bacolod City
266	Teves, Pryde Henry A.	7,670,000	Negros Oriental
267	Ty-Alcantara, Ma. Victoria P.	7,667,000	Bataan
268	Sarmiento, Alfred L.	7,502,647	Bulacan
269	Pingoy, Arthur Ralph G. V.	7,372,000	2nd, Camarines Sur
270	Tinga, Victor Francis N.	7,000,000	1st, Antique
271	Tinga, Victor Yap	6,997,000	1st, Antique
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No term-sharing with anyone—Kiko

ALTHOUGH IT HAS EXPRESSED his election as Senate president, a term-sharing deal with incoming Sen. Franklin Drilon is a no-no for Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan.

"The leadership of the Senate is for the senior branch to decide and cannot be delegated to two or three individuals. Without the consent of the majority of the senators, it is undemocratic," Pangilinan yesterday told the Inquirer in a phone interview.

"I am not inclined to support a term-sharing agreement," he said.

Both stalwarts of the Liberal Party, Pangilinan and Drilon will contest the Senate presidency when the 15th Congress convenes late in July.

Pangilinan pointed out that the Senate had already experimented a term-sharing setup that "did not at well with the other senators."

He said it would be "awkward" if he will attempt to achieve" their full agreement with another such setup.

Asked if he had broached the term-sharing idea with Drilon or the other contender for the plum post, Sen. Manuel Villar, Pangilinan replied in the negative.

Villar's allies in the Senate say he will pass for the Senate presidency, but the disbanded dissident senators of the Nacionalista Party has yet to confirm this in public. Michael Lim Ubac

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Bangit to Aquino: AFP failed to end rebellion

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

FORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO CITY—Outgoing Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief of staff Gen. Delfin Bangit is leaving a transition report for incoming President Benigno Aquino III that admits the military's failure to meet the deadline for wiping out communist insurgency in the country.

President Macapagal-Arroyo had imposed a June 2010 deadline, which coincides with the end of her term, for the end of the 40-year guerrilla war.

But AFP spokesperson Lt. Col. Arnulf Is Burgos Jr. said Bangit's report mentioned that the military had significantly reduced the scope of the communist New People's Army operations and curtailed down to its number of fighters.

"We did not hold the deadline. But I the insurgency has been confined to only five provinces—Samar, Bicol Region provinces, Compostela Valley, Davao and Surigao," Burgos told the Inquirer Luzon on Saturday.

AFP proud of accomplishment

He also said military operations had cut the strength of the NPA from 25,000 to 5,000 fighters.

The AFP under Bangit's leadership, would be proud of this accomplishment, he added.

Bangit's report will be part of the military's briefing materials for Aquino, who takes over on June 30.

Aquino had not spoken to Bangit directly or through an emissary before the AFP chief of staff announced his retirement, effective on Sunday, a year earlier than originally scheduled, Burgos said.

Esidro, the President-elect announced that he would replace Bangit, who was named chief of staff by outgoing President Macapagal-Arroyo two days before the constitutional ban on appointments took effect on March.

Top AFP officials accompanied Bangit to the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) here on Saturday where the outgoing chief was given a welcome reception.

The parade was given on the same day 325 cadets (freshman cadets) taking an oath of allegiance to the corps of cadets.

Bangit, a member of PMA "Maisaisapan" Class of 1975, which had adopted Mr Aquyo as an honorary member, told the cadets he would leave the service fully confident he had fulfilled his duty "without fear, favor or shirking."

New approach needed

Meanwhile, a senior military official said the AFP must "rethink" its militaristic approach if it also hopes to end a new insurgency—Abu Sayyaf's terror campaign under the banner of radical Islam.

Brig. Gen. Francisco Cruz, the AFP's Civil Relations Service chief, said the government needs to come up with an "ideological response" to the problem.

The absence of an ideological dominant is the "glaring weakness" in the government's counter-terrorism programs, he said.

"[The] war on terror is a war of ideas and therefore, the strategy to defeat Abu Sayyaf and radical Islam...requires an ideological counteroffense," Cruz said in an e-mailed statement.

Cruz described the Abu Sayyaf as a "political-religious fratricidal group" inimical by its previous attacks, including Dr. Mooly Yakoman's fury bombings in 2006.

"[What keeps the Abu Sayyaf and other Muslim extremist forces alive in this country is radical Islam or the waging of jihad [religious war]," he said.

Lawless activities

These observations were contained in his paper titled "Defeating Abu Sayyaf: The Strong and United Need for an Ideological Response," which he presented at the Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies in Singapore.

According to Cruz, Abu Sayyaf's use of "radical Islam" to justify their terrorist activities had been very effective in recruiting members and gaining financial support from foreign Islamic groups such as the Jemaah Islamiyah and the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden.

Along with other state agencies, he said, the armed forces must develop counter-policies to end the perceived ban and mistrust between Muslims and Christians, and persuade a silent majority to denounce terror in the community level.

By doing this, the government would "destroy the enemy spirit and promote moderation," he said.

He criticized the government's National Plan to Address Terrorism and Its Consequences for its failure to recognize "terrorism as a political and social act."

Chaired by the Anti-Terrorism Task Force, Cruz argued that the program did not present a holistic approach to counterterrorism "as it focuses only on operational counterterrorism responding to events with a knee-jerk phase."

"A military-led armed response is not enough to destroy the Abu Sayyaf and other Muslim extremist groups in the country," he said, adding, "It would need a comprehensive approach to confront an enemy whose roots have political, social, economic and psychological dimensions." With a report from Marlon Ramos

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Abalos insists he's innocent as case goes to Sandigan

FORMER COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (Comelec) Chair Benjamin Abalos over the weekend maintained that he was innocent of any wrongdoing in the scuttled $329-million National Broadband Network (NBN) deal with China's ZTE Corp.

In a phone interview after a graft charge against him was ratified off to a division of the Sandiganbayan, Abalos said: "I am very confident the truth will come out."

The former blue ribbon committee in 2008 faced no resistance from members of a committee headed then, Juan Ponce Enrile, that Abalos had demanded kickbacks from the deal. A losing bidder, Jerry de Venecia, son of the then Speaker of the House, also testified that Abalos had offered him a bribe, while the President's husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, had told him to "back off" from the project.

On May 28 this year, the Ombudsman finally decided in the graft charges against Abalos and Jovital Jovenitty Syjuco, ZTE's president first but closed President Macapagal-Arroyo and her husband of any kickback in the NBN-ZTE deal.

Him, as the director for director general of National Economic and Development Authority (Neda), had immediately filed a motion asking the court to determine if there was probable cause to indict him in the first place, saying that he was being made the scapegoat.

Orders of arrest to be issued

In late Friday's Sandiganbayan raffle, Abalos' case went to the Fourth Division while Him's case went to the Fifth Division.

The case records will be forwarded to their assigned divisions "where they will be studied by the justices," Sandiganbayan spokesperson and executive clerk of court Renato Bersa said.

"In case of a finding of probable cause, corresponding orders of arrest will be issued," he added.

The Ombudsman had recommended P50,000 bail each for Abalos and Him.

It was Him who testified that Abalos had offered him a bribe to finish a ZTE-Him deal, as her presence of birds reviewed the broadband project.

'No factual and substantial basis'

Last May 31, Him's lawyer Ibad Lemuras filed a motion asking the Sandiganbayan not to issue an arrest warrant for Him and to judicially determine if indeed there was enough evidence to file a case against him to begin with.

Him argued that the Ombudsman had "no factual and substantial basis" to charge him.

Abalos, in a statement released Friday said: "It were cheap, or allegation of wrongdoing does not suffice since an accusation is not synonymous with guilt. There must always be sufficient evidence to support the charge."

Tonight for further comment over the phone, he said he was looking forward to the start of the trial "so get this over with" and so that the "truth would come out."

He also said in his statement: "I had an official duty to intervene in the ZTE-NBN transaction, contrary to the alleged ten grafts by the complainants."

He said his trips to China and his friendship with some ZTE officials "were by virtue of their invited fees for the sport of golf." — Edson C. Tevalay Jr.

Bus victims' remains to be flown to Iran

By Chito G. Aragon
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—THE REMAINS OF THE 28 Iranian nationals who perished in a bus accident while on holiday in Batanduan town on June 13 will be flown to their homeland today.

Air Asia Boeing 747 chartered by the Iranian government was to land at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport at 5:25 p.m. yesterday. It was scheduled to take off for Tehran at 11:30 a.m. today, according to Mary Ann Dimaliwat, the airport's public affairs officer.

Dimaliwat said the arrival and departure schedules of the plane were disclosed at a meeting on Friday between officials of the airport and of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines.

She said the bodies would be accompanied home by Iran Embassy officials and some of the survivors of the accident.

Edgar Sanchez, director of the Crisis Intervention Funeral Home in Barangay Lahug, said the Iranian government had made arrangements for 26 funeral cars to take the bodies in sealed white caskets to the airport.

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Court rules Acosta graft trial to proceed

By Edson C. Tevalay Jr.

THE SANDIGANBAYAN WILL PROceed with the trial of former Bukidnon Rep. Nereus Acosta, a candidate in Pasadena when Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III became ticket, along with Arroyo's mother and aunt over rules have all been accused of graft.

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WIND SECTION Some of the orchestra members who can read notes play the clarinet (right) while clueless members sing their hearts out (above). The orchestra still lacks a string section because they have no instruments and musicians to play them.

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First-ever prison orchestra . . .

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John Christian Reyes

Sense of purpose, dignity

The orchestra is one of the best things to have happened to the inmates because it has let so many get on their feet through music, said Reyes who acts as musical director.

Reyes, who is serving time for graft, chose to be transferred from the commission to the maximum security compound to be able to train the musicians.

"The orchestra offers the musically inclined inmates the opportunity to practice their craft, to improve their personality and how they relate with people, and to increase their knowledge of music," he said.

Dingaguen is a civil engineering graduate from the University of the Philippines who topped the board exams in 1996. A member of the Sotsalita Aeria fraternity, he and four fraternity brothers were found guilty of the murder of Jeresin Venerations of the rival Sigma Rho fraternity in 1994. He was sentenced to reclusion perpetua.

Having been in prison for the past nine years, Dingaguen knows how easy it is for the mind to wander aimlessly.

"We need to grow and learn or rejuvenate something new while we're doing time. We must become productive citizens upon our return to society. By giving them a preoccupation we give them back their sense of purpose and dignity," he said.

Talented inmates

What better way to express emotions than through music, said Dingaguen. With some 12,000 inmates in the maximum security compound, it was not hard to find people with talent in playing the piano and guitar, or singing.

Auditions began last March. When the symphonic band—they still lack a string section, not having the instruments and the musicians to play them—was formed, Reyes took on the responsibility of teaching the inmates how to read musical notes.

"We trained him as orchestra if majority plano-vids (by ear). I have to teach them the ABCs of reading notes. I went to bring out the best of their musical abilities. I even have to introduce new instruments to some of them," he said.

A music therapy/music graduate of the Philippine Women's University, Reyes is a music conductor, composer and arranger. Though he may have the patience to teach students with the proper background in music education, it was only to prove that the inmates deserved the meaning of the word, he said.

"The teaching experience was like conversing AC [on DC. Just when you think it was impossible to go on you see signs of improvement. Organizing a group like this to prepare for showcases an achievement. Some musicians are freed the mainstream society composed who cannot attend rehearsals all the time. I had to have myself transformed from musicians to maximum security just so I could be closer to my students," Reyes said.

Debut concert

The 116-member orchestra made its debut last June 15 with a concert at the Social Hall of the NBP's maximum security compound.

The show, called 'Himig Kalayaan,' opened with a Broadway medley, with Reyes on the piano. The group also performed "Summer of '42," "New York, New York," and a festive version of "Bayan Ko."

The chorale wowed the audience with soulful renditions of "Ugoy ng Duyan," "Gaano Kita Kamahal," "Tuwing Gabi," and "Magsasakang Gabi."

Inmates from the Women's Correctional Institution in Mandaluyong performed interpretive dances to the orchestra's music.

Reyes hopes that all the dormitories of the NBP, including the women's prison, will eventually be represented in the orchestra.

"Those who joined are happy that this concert band was formed. It helps to ease the restlessness and tedium and they forget that they are in prison. We hope to bring honor and dignity to prison inmates through this orchestra," he said.

Antonio Bernas, a music teacher convicted of rape eight years ago, said joining the orchestra was the best decision he has ever made. Getting music back into his life took away the sadness and loneliness, he said.

Other members with a musical background include Efren Ochoa, who studied at the UST Conservatory, and Luis Enriquez-Sena, a Metrobop '94 champion.

De Dios was enthralled for the reps of his undersized xylophone. Enriquez-Sena was found guilty of killing his wife when he suspected of having an affair.

"Music is an excellent way of expressing [their feelings ... When they play they don't see themselves as prisoners. They become human beings," said Undersecretary Oscar Calderon, the Bureau director who gave his full support when Dingaguen and Reyes pitched the idea for the orchestra to him last March.

The BuCor Grand Orchestra hopes to become a full symphony orchestra someday. Never mind that they are in serious need of instruments. They have to borrow a piano and sax from a nearby public school). Never mind, too, that majority of the talented inmates cannot read music.

Continuing to dream

Dingaguen hopes that the orchestra will serve as a catalyst to improve the situation of the 20,000 inmates and draw attention to the poor conditions of the country's penal system.

"We just want people to know that it is not the solid, solid 'idea that they think it is. There are human beings here that are serving their sentences, many of whom are not even guilty of the crimes they were convicted of. We want to have that stigma removed and be accepted by society. We hope to serve as an inspiration for other inmates that dreams can still be achieved even if you're inside a prison," he said.

Msgr. Catalino Ramirez, who has been visiting the NBP every Saturday to celebrate Mass and hear confessions, hosts the inmates' pursuit of freedom through music to the life of the religious in the monastery. Just because they are confined doesn't mean they have to stop dreaming, or stop making dreams come true, he said.

"Transformation takes years. Just like the inmates who have just learned how to read musical notes, conductor/musician has happened.

"You create a little out of nothing. That's how a musical note begins. Our minds can be free even if our physical body is here. Music transcends language, and it delivers a message straight to the heart," Dingaguen said.

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Gov't opposes bid to get back Marcos kin's assets

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE GOVERNMENT is opposing the bid of two companies owned by the brothers-in-law of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos to reclaim their sequestered stocks and funds.

The so-called Oden Companies, owned by Benjamin Romualdez, a younger brother of Marcos' widow, Imelda, and others, are alleged to have served as conduits for the stealing of the enormous ill-gotten wealth and assets of the Marcos cronies-family.

The Oden Companies petitioned the Sandiganbayan anti-graft court on May 28 to order the return of their assets, since the cases against them had been dismissed.

This is being opposed by the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG), the agency created to recover the ill-gotten assets of Marcos, his relatives and associates.

"The orderly administration of justice demands that the issue of restoration, which goes hand-in-hand with the determination of whether the assets in question constitute ill-gotten wealth, be resolved first before sequestration can be lifted," the PCGG said in its motion.

In January 2004, the Sandiganbayan Fifth Division dismissed the complaints against Mrs. Aurora Realty & Development Corp. and Oden Investment Holding, and to be ousted and controlled by Romualdez.

The court said the government failed to submit a "bill of particulars" which would have clarified issues like how the companies used the Oden Companies to accumulate ill-gotten wealth.

The Supreme Court later upheld the ruling and junked the government's appeal.

The Oden Companies thus argued that the dismissal of the cases was "factus meant to a declaration" that their sequestered assets were not ill-gotten and should therefore be returned to them.

The PCGG said the Oden Companies' arguments were "devoid of legal basis and should be denied outright."

It said the dismissal of the cases against the Romualdez companies did not automatically mean that sequestered assets had been legally acquired.

"The legality of the acquisition and the true ownership of these assets are issues that are distinct and separate from the issue of the propriety of including the Oden Companies as defendants in the case in bar," the PCGG said.

It also noted that the civil case for the government's claim on the sequestered assets remained pending in the Sandiganbayan.

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Designated successor

THIS, UNDER OUR CONSTITUTIONS SINCE 1935, is the role assigned to the vice president. Whether or not a vice president is given a Cabinet portfolio is an option the Constitution grants the chief executive, but it is an option. This is because the president and vice president are elected separately. To repeat, it is up to the president whether or not to give his/her vice president, particularly from a different party, a role in the administration.

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It is for this reason that in most past administrations, when the president resented overtones, the corruption overtones, not the vice president, served as the caretaker. Only when pressed dictated a ceremonial stand-in for the president did the vice president act in an official capacity.

This is something the vice president-elect should be aware of as he prepares to enter into his new duties. Which is simply to be available at any time to succeed to the presidency should fate decree it. Otherwise, as we've pointed out, the vice president has no other role unless a president decides to assign him one.

Everyone understands that personally, the next cordial, even warm, relations exist between the Aquinos and the Binays. Both families have taken steps to reassure each other and the public that these close ties of friendship and in history remain unchanged. However, both President-elect Benigno Aquino and Vice President-elect Jejomar Binay are starting into roles defined by the Constitution—roles that they are expected to do no less and no more than what the law mandates and tradition has elaborated over time.

Precisely at a time when the country is expecting a government that upholds the rule of law rather than the rule of persons and favorites, we cannot help but be discouraged—nay, disturbed—by the aggressive posture of the vice president-elect. He seems to be under the erroneous impression that the personal should trump the legal, and that the primary focus of the new government should be a division of the spoils rather than the task of rehabilitating and reinvigorating our political institutions.

From the start he laid claim to the Department of Interior and Local Governments, heedless of the impropriety of his claim even to raising levels. First of all, it impinged on the freedom of the president-elect to put together a Cabinet fully in keeping with the platform and priorities on which he campaigned and was elected.

Second, it infringed on the discretionary nature of any possible appointments: no one can ignore the reality that Binay chose to pursue his own path to the vice presidency on a ticket led by a contested plunderer in direct competition with the president-elect's ticket which ran on a platform of fighting corruption and punishing wrongdoing by officials. Therefore from the very start, there is a clear contradiction in approaches and priorities between the two.

Third, it was a claim made with an insistence disregarded for others, because with his son on mayor, Binay as interior secretary would be repeatedly confronted with a conflict of interest issue he would be meddling supervision and would have broad discretion over local governments, including that of his son. To our mind this only underscores the fundamental difference in the approach toward politics, power and government between the incoming chief executive and the vice president-to-be.

Which is not to say that for the sake of national unity the president-elect should consign Binay to a role that is purely ceremonial, just waiting for a possibility no one wants—a premature end to the new administration. Behind Binay is a solid constituency, millions of voters who rightly believe that it is only proper that they choose for a potential successor be given a role in government.

What then might be, however, is one that can only be decided upon in the context of the new administration's priorities and the individuals the president-elect decides are best equipped to implement his policies. Instead of drawing this be unfettered the message delivered by the elections. Binay demanded his share of spoils. It would have been unseemly if he didn't receive a reboot.

On another matter, Binay at least proved more sensitive to public opinion: he has (properly) backtracked from his original inclination to hold office in Makati. Instead, by all accounts, he will hold office in Pasay City, which is a step in the right direction, toward reorganizing the cultural basis in his new office and not only in respect but to uphold as well.

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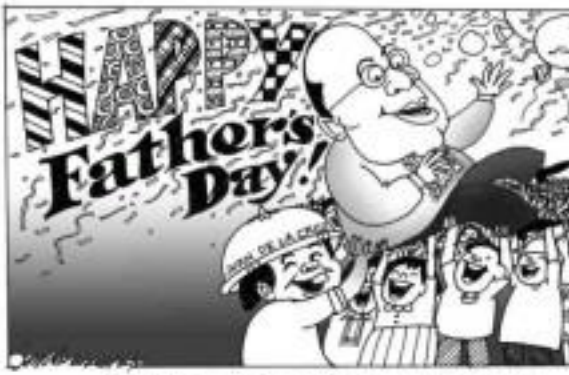

Rizal's sociology of colonial society

JOSE RIZAL LIVED IN EUROPE AT A TIME when sociology, the scientific study of society, was just beginning to be formulated. It is interesting that he did not seem to have made the acquaintance of this new discipline. His rich insights into the mechanisms and consequences of colonial society could have been enriched better with the aid of sociological concepts. But more important, they would have added a vital voice to the new concept of society. That field, so sadly missing in modern sociology, would have focused on the circumstances and self-understanding of subjugated peoples.

Rizal was a methodical observer of his own society. The curiosity he showed from was sharpened even more by his experience as an expatriate Filipino. Not only did living in Europe equip him with a modern-based sensibility, it also gave him the necessary distance from which he could ponder the problems of his country. The life of an exile distilled his sense of nation.

In his two great novels, the "Noli" and the "Fili," Rizal diagnosed the effects of Spanish colonial rule on the psyche of his people. Two years after the public release of these novels, he wrote a long essay dissecting the same colonial history in a more conceptual but no less polemical tone. The opening point of this incisive and academic attack on Spanish colonial society was the absence of the individuality of the native Filipino. The essay, "Los Indolentes de los Filipinos," appeared in the Madrid-based bi-weekly publication *La Solidaridad* in five installments, beginning with the July 15, 1890 issue. While replete with studied metaphors, this piece is really the most sociological of Rizal's writings.

The Filipino's supposed indolence, said Rizal, is largely unwarranted. He chose to validate his claim not by an endless repetition on a merely philosophical explanation, for premise is that indolence—the "little love for work and lack of energy"—is a genetic quality of native races.

Being a scientist, Rizal was quick to point out that "it is not to be inferred from the nature of a thing that it does not exist." "There must be something behind all this misery," he said, that it should continue to be expressed by so many. Thus, instead of denying its existence, he proceeded to deconstruct it in a perfect native display of erudition and linguistic command. And he does so with an ironic and biting wit that is so deeply embedded in Charles Dickens's English tradition.

First, Rizal argues, there is the matter of the original host, which leaves anyone who tells the land in these parts to regularly pursue for "quiet and rest," in contrast to cold wealth or which "incites labor and action." And to this the reality that the "poor soil of the" is typically "badly nourished, has no hope, toils for others, and works under force and compulsion." The native has no choice, he says, but to adjust to his milieu. But doing so does not therefore make him unproductive. Natives live inside the soil as his farms by life. His landlord need not work all day to make the earth yield its bounty.

But the incitement to indolence, which is central to being restricted by other factors, notably by "unjust treatment and backwardness." "When the native sees that the fruit of his labors can be taken away by no fair means, he realizes that a productive farm is a natural invitation to intimidation. So, in self-defense, he chooses a path that will not attract the attention of predators. He becomes a minimalist, preferring to be seen as a lazy peasant who cannot adequately provide for himself than to be treated as a man who deserves to satisfy the passions of another man."

The Spanish rulers, of course, cannot see this. Blinded by their own prejudices and arrogance, they try to correct the malady of native indolence by "attacking the symptoms." To colonial minor labor from the "lazy" native, they impose more taxes, round up people for forced labor, and force them into working harder by alternating programs of "disciplining" and "willing reform." The result of this is a passive resistance that is misinterpreted as indolence.

We were once a highly productive people, says Rizal. "Modern civilization in the islands, due to their productive capacity is created the conditions for the local economy's rapid multidevelopment (to use present terminology)."

Then we lost the flourishing trade with our neighbors after the Spaniards took possession of our islands. The colonial government replaced it with a galleon trade that contributed nothing to the country's economy because this was basically a trade between Mexico and Manila. The enormous brought about by Spain's imposition against its important trade decimated the local industry. Even the shipyard there was strength. This and the confiscation of their weapons in turn made them vulnerable to pirate raids from the South. On top of all this, the conversion to economic activities caused by all kinds of administrative restrictions killed the entrepreneurial spirit. Finally, there is the problem to destroy the organs of the Spanish aristocracy in the Orient, which fosters this air of luxury without hard work.

The picture would not be complete unless we looked at ourselves, Rizal says. One native is indolent compared to another native in relation to

Not easy to be a Cabinet member

WITH DUE RESPECT

Antonio T. Carpio

MANY ARE JOCKEYING FOR THE CHOICEST positions in the incoming government. Those subsequently elected however realize that it would not be easy to serve in the Cabinet of President Noynoy Aquino. To live up to the high expectations of our people. If they... I doubt... will want his official family to be, like him, exemplary in the public trust. He may be promised to hold Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and her officials accountable for their alleged wrongdoings, he will predictably resist his own exhortation to pass a very high standard of accountability and transparency.

Trustworthy, brainy and hardworking would lead us up to example, he said, chief executive in his government. His Cabinet members (besides themselves) would be extraordinary, intrepid and probity (TIP) of the highest degree and he living examples of the same. He would only hire men of his persuasion, Pinoy and Cory.

Cabinet members must enjoy the absolute trust of the President. As he, like ours, they speak for him and act on his behalf. Hence, they must initially have the same mindset as the President. Aquino and Arroyo will. They must be like Mar Roxas who, according to Pilo, those "the same mindset, the same views" as he. Aside from being eminently qualified, they must subordinate their personal ambitions and much to the best of a single dominant. Teamwork is an essential in the Cabinet of the President.

If Noy's officials and their families should be made to forego their private because our country, the finest in the world, will not interest open and telescopes, cameras and tape recorders to scrutinize the minutest details of their lives and conduct. They will be subjected to the most intrusive, broadcasted, tweeted, "Twittered," "YouTubed" and "Facebooked." Twenty-four hours a day. Cabinet members will be on call, and just by the President, but also by radio and TV reporters wanting to have the first word on the breaking news.

Effective membership, because they would have to be confirmed by the Commission on Appointments, department secretaries must be prepared to be interrogated about their public and private lives. Past activities, income tax payments and private treasures will all be dug into, not necessarily to prove their culpability but to see if they can be able to bear their political and personal frailty. Long forgotten enemies would bring up their slightest indiscretions. Even the best of intentions would be derailed in the heat of public debates.

Cabinet members must forego their private lives and divest from their businesses. They must disclose their assets and liabilities as well as his down their relatives, whether by blood or by affinity, at the beginning of their terms and every year thereafter. The Constitution requires it, but very simply. They must be ready to explain how they acquired their houses and how they can afford to send their children abroad.

Sadly, Filipino officials must strictly observe the transparency and accountability demanded by the law. It is not enough to be honest. It is also important to commissioners well not to be truthful at all times. Even the pursuit of officials must undergo public scrutiny. This is the price of public service.

They would be well advised to carry always in their or even an old-fashioned memo book where copies of the Constitution, the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards Law and relevant portions of the Administrative Code would be readily available. A memory of these laws is a must for the wise and the diligent.

Model public servants. Public service demands such endless yet pure duty little. It is not a place for the self-aiding and the self-righteous. How public servants can take some lessons from the life of Dr. Jose B. Jalosjos who is celebrating his 80th birthday today. Upon being sworn in as a Cabinet member of Cory Aquino, he abandoned his famous list of that. Though not required by law, he gave up his only source of income to set a new standard for ethical conduct.

Indeed, Doctor Jalosjos is the ideal public servant. He was clear-minded (Dr. I is the 1944 bar exams), scholar (one of the few in the world to earn a masters degree at Harvard and a doctorate in jurisprudence at Yale), professor (at several leading universities), educator of the youngest ever to be let down), author (his books on evidence, corporation law and international law are the most authoritative on those subjects and his several biographies, sketches are fascinating reading). Twice made (unsolicited), tramped two dictators in Edsa peoplepower, once he said Senate president (with the distinction of being the only Senator to cop the highest vote in three terms), the last presided the country never had (from 1992 to 1995) and he died (in 1996) a hero.

Having left him in 1986 when I was still a student and communing with him regularly up to the present, I know how to idolize. But I know him best as my lifetime guru—not just on the law but on how he has lived his life and how to live a life worth living.

I will always remember his supreme teaching. While it is good to have the things that money can buy, like food on the table, clothing on our backs, medicine for our illnesses and even a car and a house for our family, we must never ever forget that it is far better to aspire for the things that money cannot buy like integrity, moral courage, character, honor, humility, dignity and an abiding faith in the love and mercy of God.

Happy 80th birthday, Sir!

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Exit

WHEN GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S FAMED LEFT Malacañang (days before Friday takes his oath of office), a friend asked, "So what was all the fuss about? I told you so." Meaning, of course, that GMA would move out of Malacañang—no future of election, no material loss, no wrenching delay.

But we have to inquire why she left. Leaving wasn't written in the stars. In fact what seemed certain in the hands of fate was that she would indeed move heaven and earth to stay in the Palace. When people do what they're supposed to do, it's a mistake to compare it to cause it's the default mode. We stop at traffic lights because we know it's the law—disobedience we might otherwise have a crash. We take our exam because otherwise we won't get promoted or succeed to the next grade. But we might not have done so, and the question would be whether we could have gotten away with it. What if we were in a competition to reach a point first, to win a million dollars...wouldn't we stop right through that stop light? What if the professor told us we'd get an A if we quit taking the exam at an old unanswering envelope—we just might not be braver her?

COMMENTARY

W. Scott Thompson and Oliver Gerondale

One of us remembers a long time ago—working in the Washington for James Schlesinger, then the US secretary of defense. During the almost-constitutional crisis of Richard Nixon's last days at the White House, Schlesinger issued an order that if anyone got into message, request, instruction or influence from the White House, he was to take it immediately to the Pentagon front office. Got the beat" Schlesinger thought there was just the possibility that Nixon would try something unconstitutional—through the military. He was just making sure nothing like that happened.

We think that 2005 "Deranged" because in the endgame in which the man brought up, the Reality found all doors closed. Except the "Exit." Our teacher in the basics of Filipino politics told us that 2005's instructor was, in effect, Marcos: the made every move just as he did. True, times have changed, so she couldn't do it the same way he had done, but he was her master.

Thus, for example, she rented martial law—to Mindanao—but found the public inaction overwhelming. It could hardly be a "rebellion" if the "rebels" were her own gang. So that door was closed. She was tactically smart—but to a master whom a game she couldn't work.

She rented the Supreme Court. They voluntarily played ball her way—but the public reaction was so intense she had to re-organize the court. By the time she didn't have to rent the Legislature, it was time and bought.

There there was the military. For nine years she astutely let generals at the top, giving them all a piece of the trough. And she cultivated the PMA Class of 1978. But in the midpoint-term of the second term, she found that the rank-and-file were sullenly, and found there anything her motives in their ostensible reason law. If anything, they were more uniform in their interests to defend the constitutionality and not to support her if the time to wire to cut her pact from 30.

Finally, there were the outside patrons. It wasn't just the United States: all the leading and prominent ambassadors here in Metro Manila were in her pocket. She was always happy to hope that the elections be fair and open. But it was the United States that was crucial. 2004 had hallmarked—and belabored—the US ambassador during the post-several years, Kristie Kenney, who disgraced her country by becoming, according to her own people, the "ambassador of GMA to the United States." GMA must mean that her buddy Kristie could keep the Americans in line.

Then Ondoy was brought home. Word crept around Washington of what was going on in Manila. More and more people were shocked to find that the Ombudsman was being used for an unconstitutional purpose. Certain people—there are names that we know—began to whisper to each other, one-on-one and one to Washington to ensure that the higher-ups knew the real score. Although, new ambassador was sent, and his message couldn't have been clearer: free and clean elections were required.

We, to the translation, had spelled out what might happen if GMA tried to steal the election—recall of the US ambassador, suspension of aid, unwillingness to encourage the IFC government, etc. Meaning, the kind of thing others would in diplomatic fellows. It just wasn't done. Not, other the United States welcomed such a move.

When it came down to it: But a lot of people made a lot of efforts, spent a lot of time and money, making sure that all doors to an unconstitutional path were blocked. Remember that in late as her last State of the Nation Address, GMA said nothing about transition. Busy and even conspicuous by its absence was any mention of her ever having Malacañang. Everyone knew why: she had an intention of leaving. The best analogy is the Philippines, who had become her 14-45 years, and "she won't become another she-Chapel lacking and screaming." It came down to this. She had absolutely no choice but to make a virtue of necessity. All doors were closed. Except the "Exit."

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Vuvuzelas and 'Mrs. Warren'

AT LARGE

Alexa Fernandez-Garcia

SPORTS ARE SOMETHING OF AN OBSESSION here in my father's house in Virginia. And frankly, there's been a lot to obsess over. Just last night, I was watching the community theater near the Mitt Farm, with the Da Lakers doing one of a war over the Boston Celtics.

I haven't kept track with the NBA, or with the basketball world in general, the past years, but Celtics-Lakers is a rivalry to be reckoned with. Titled franchises with storied histories, they've collected, between them, more and need it senselessly in a single night during a stopover with her. The book was written in the heyday of the Celtics, the days when Bill Russell was still playing. And I must have been in my early teens when I read it. I remember the book mostly because I enjoyed watching it picture.

The Dream family, on the other hand, is composed of devoted Lakers fans. My nephews are my sister Dawn has a "crush" on Kobe Bryant, although her favorite part of every game is the halftime, opening to get a glimpse of the dancers at the Staples Center.

So as we must have realized by now I felt constrained to keep my Celtics love to myself the whole time I was in the Cruz home. Maybe it helped that I wasn't fully committed to the outcome. The Celtics were my team, but I'm a Philippines, even those on Boston's side. But I do know about the long-standing rivalry between the two teams. Americans tend when the legendary Russell was acknowledged and was just waiting from Frost the spotted Lakers fans.

Thanks to my brother, we lucked through early dinner at Chili's because my sister's family was itching to get to bed and catch the match on their preschooler TV set. I was glad I was in the guest room at the far end of the hallway from the action's bedroom because I'm not a morning person at the dream of jubilation emanating from my little boy's head bled for my beloved Celtics.

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ASIDE: Other than NBA Finals, the TV set in the kitchen, during most of the daytime is on practically 24/7, tuned to the Spanish-language Univision. Our Spanish is for utter amusement of dogs.

As a consequence, the house is filled with the dreadful moaning of the vuvuzela, the plastic horn that emits a single-note tone, which when emanating from thousands of fans makes it seem like a swarm of hornets has attacked the stadium. The vuvuzela's burning creates a wonderful backdrop to each game, wiping out all other noise. That's one miracle down.

The latest news is that the French team has petitioned to have this extremely banned, complaining that the sound is "distracting." Indeed, one may wonder if the vuvuzelas would ever be allowed in the course of the outrage of what's been called the "worst call in American network ESPN observed with tennis chair lament that the vuvuzelas suddenly fell silent on only one occasion so far, which host country South African fans for second game and one knocked out of competition.

My daughter's back home complains that she's been staying up till four in the morning just to catch up with the World Cup, especially when her beloved England is playing. My sister runs for all the African teams, Africa being her area of expertise in the field of health. My brother-in-law says he thinks Argentina is much too sneaky, but chose soldier for David Beckham. And all of them try to catch every game where the US team plays, like? I'm just an observer from a basketball-obsessed "Hard Pork" (Hardcourt), but being a fanatic myself, I honestly want the both Rooms.

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If I haven't all been sports-crazed here, Dawn and my cousin Elsie Cruzosa and Mike Alvarez challenged accompanied me to watch the stunning documentary "Kinsey." This, even if you may have see stars shopping inside and Elsie has not had the pleasure (or pain) of having babies of her own, area for her dogs.

The highlight of that trip was meeting "Babes" in the charming town center of Burlington, it's quiet historic hotel with restaurants, coffee shops, and local businesses. There was some mall but two many inside independent films, or house wares and classic carriers. It was good discovering a place where culture and refinement abound, amid the suburban sprawl of the towns and cities through the Beltway.

Wednesday morning, we drove to downtown Washington, D.C. to the Gaiety Harman Hall to catch a performance of George Bernard Shaw's "Mrs. Warren's Profession." The play was produced by the Shakespeare Theatre Company, staged at the Lansburgh Theatre, "preservation and presentation of classic theatre."

But I suspect "Mrs. Warren's Profession," an early work of Shaw's filled with youthful politicos, was chosen not so much for its topical relevance as for its controversial title. It provides for the local Elizabeth Ashley She is an actress's actress acting virtuoso with whom to stage. Her and TV, but roles for women of certain age these days, especially roles seemingly tailor-made for her demographic, seem only rarely.

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I was astonished to discover that "Mrs. Warren's Profession" even aroused such passions that it was derided as "mercilessly offensive" and deemed "morally untrue" by critics and authorities alike and could not be re-staged for 30 years. The reason seems to be the above statement from Mrs. Warren's "profession": owning a string of brothels in Europe.

Or perhaps it was not so much the profession itself as Mrs. Warren's unapologetic demeanor about it. Her refusal to feel guilty and the avenues higher wages than they would ever hope to earn drudgingly in demanding menial labor that paid nightmare.

Whatever one's stance about prostitution, the play's theme of persecution is unsurprising given the era in which it was created. And as such reference and reservation in the play firmly Ashley's spiritual interpretation of Mrs. Warren fills it from the foundations.

Taiwan: from troublemaker to peacemaker

WORLD VIEW

Steve Tsang

EXPECTED IN THE "MAINSTREAM SOCIETY" that Chinese President Hu Jintao recently proclaimed being realized in China's relations with Taiwan?

Before Ma Ying-jeou became president of Taiwan (officially known as the Republic of China) in May 2008, Taiwan was regularly portrayed in China as a "troublemaker," and was the main cause of tension between China and the United States. How Taiwan has become something of a "peacemaker," whereby he became a key factor in many trouble spots in the US-China strategic and economic dialogue, indeed, Taiwan was barely mentioned, as North Korea, Iran and the value of the renminbi claimed the most attention.

It has always been unlikely to democratize Taiwan more quickly by making it possible for people around the world take for granted to uphold their basic human rights and way of life, including the right to decide through a democratic process their government.

China, however, wants such instruments to shoot self-determination. And, as a rising power, China is not a lone-first leaders, even democratic ones, dismiss lightly. For years, China's ruling Communist Party has maintained that Taiwan is a "core national interest," despite the reality that Taiwan has neither said functioned as a virtual state for 60 years.

China has long threatened to use force if the international community should formally recognize Taiwan's independence. But the atmosphere gradually changed in recent years, and the "troublemaker" label, applied to Ma's predecessor, President Chen Shui-bian of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), has not been used for his years.

Of course, Taiwan under President Ma still wants to the same rights that it desired under Chen. But Ma's basic line is that it's better to deal with international relations with China by focusing on what both sides can agree upon. China's leaders find his language justification, the seeks to advance Taiwan national interests without arousing the People's Republic's threat response. Ma has also sought to bridge down trade and transport links.

Ma's strategy suits China, whose leaders welcome being able to avoid confrontation with Taiwan, given their current focus on engineering their country's "peaceful rise." Moreover, China's leaders also seek to use the DPP and its aggressively pro-independence leaders return to power. When Ma's popularity fell dramatically as Taiwan's economy suffered from the global financial crisis, China's leaders worked with Ma to promote just such an outcome.

This has allowed Ma's administration to claim credit for improving relations with China. But the fundamental issues underlying the threat of cross-Taiwan war—and conflict between China and the United States, which has long been committed to supporting Taiwan should China seek to determine its status militarily—have not been removed. The Chinese Communist Party remains committed to forcing Taiwan to accept the idea of ultimate "reunification," while the Taiwanese remain determined to decide their own future.

Given China's deep distrust, it will never believe that a DPP president who insists on the Taiwanese people's right to determine their future will not secretly push for independence. But, as a China knows that Ma is not advocating independence, they are able to countenance with greater equanimity his commitment to uphold the Republic of China on Taiwan.

If now there were an opportunity for China and Taiwan to settle their differences, it would be a very different story. The real issue is whether both sides can agree to a peaceful way to manage their differences. The real issue is whether both sides can agree to a peaceful way to manage their differences. The real issue is whether both sides can agree to a peaceful way to manage their differences.

China's leaders need to be persuaded that conceding this point does not imply letting Taiwan move toward de jure independence. This may require that the Taiwanese demonstrate their willingness to hold regular referendums to show that they reject this right. And the People's Republic will need to recognize that the best way to create the Taiwanese to embrace reunification is to make the proposition so attractive that they cannot resist. There is no need to wait a decade for this. As a rising superpower, China should feel confident that time is on its side.

The whole world shares an interest in preventing disagreements between Taiwan and China from becoming a cause for military confrontation between the two Chinese states. Ma has created the necessary conditions for deactivating this trigger. It is time for the rest of the world to support him in removing it forever, so that Taiwan will not have to hide its rightful concern.

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THEY SAID

Worst

"Imposing a fixed blockade against any group of people—regardless of religious affiliation and irrespective of political connection—is worse because it violates God's law and the moral order."

—Abdul Rauf, national president of the United Arab for Peace and the mosque, on Israel's attack on a humanitarian aid flotilla headed for the Gaza Strip

Humble enough

"I welcome criticism, especially if it is constructive criticism, because I can humble enough to admit I do not possess the perfect knowledge of everyone."

—President Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III

Erratum

The banner editorial ("Rich and poor") yesterday misstated the name of the newspaper it referred to in the second sentence of the first paragraph. The newspaper is The Manila Times, not Bulletin Times.—Ed.

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TALK of the TOWN

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Elections 2010

FINAL TALLY FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Where Binay got his 14.6M votes

61 Number of provinces and cities won by Binay

40 Number of provinces and cities won by Roxas

727,084 Binay's margin of votes over Roxas

2.6M Number of null votes for vice president

Areas where Binay got a majority vote (in percent)

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Top 10 areas for Binay by number of votes

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Where Roxas got a majority vote (in percent)

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Top 10 provinces for Roxas by number of votes

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How the country voted

How Metro Manila voted

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SPIT IT OUAKE! Scaffoldings fill the Quirino Grandstand at the Rizal Park as workers prepare the area for the inauguration on June 30 of President-elect Benigno Aquino III. JOVEN CARDINOZA

VIP SECTION of the Quirino Grandstand gets extra attention in the preparations for the June 30 inauguration. These bands of seats form the Association's reserved attendance. JOVEN CARDINOZA

AFTER PARTY Workers spruce up the Quezon Memorial Circle for the mega-party that will follow the Rizal Park inauguration of President-elect Aquino earlier in the day. ROMEO RAZON

Don't mess up Rizal Park, inauguration crowd told

THE ECOWASTE COALITION HAS AN URgent message for the overflow crowd expected to attend the June 30 inauguration of President-elect Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III: Don't leave a mess.

In a statement, the group's president Aileen Lucero said Filipinos should keep Rizal Park clean as they witness the historic change of leadership.

"Let us demonstrate our respect for P-Noy and his constituents by doing the right things," toward a mainstreamed waste-wise cycling (left recyclables) for our discards during and after the installation. Please keep P-Noy's inauguration simple and litter-free that we can all be proud of," she says said.

He added that a litter-free inaugural would bode well for the incoming administration.

Reminders

The EcoWaste Coalition issued these reminders for those planning to attend Aquino's inauguration:

- Put your discards in designated bins or bring a bag to carry away trash that you may be hard to leave behind.
- Bring your own water in a reusable jug to avoid having bottled water or "pulutan" in a one-time-use plastic cup or bag.
- Don't buy food sold or served in styrofoam and disposable plates and others used food wrappers and utensils to the streets. Better still, bring your own "baon" in reusable containers.
- Put chewed gum in a bin or put it back into the wrapper if there is no bin close by.
- Don't throw cigarette butts on the ground. Better still, stop smoking.

Collective action

EcoWaste Coalition vice president Rony Gutiérrez said the group was hopeful that Aquino would launch and carry out a public campaign against littering during his presidency.

"The mass ecstasy of the Pinoys in Pagbilao—that still burns in part of the inaugural ceremonies should immediately translate to a collective sense of not littering, picking up the trash and leaving Luneta spick and span after the rites. Luneta—and the whole country for that matter—is not a garbage dump," Gutiérrez said.

The group called on the inauguration organizers to do away with confetti, fireworks and balloons, and to install portable toilets as well as separate waste bins for biodegradable and nonbiodegradable discards in the assembly area.

It also urged participating groups not to distribute souvenirs such as freebies which are likely to end up as trash.

"If this cannot be avoided, we urge those who will do so to ensure that they will pick up all littered materials after the inauguration," it added.

The Ecological Solid Waste Management Act explicitly bans littering. The offense is punishable by a fine of P500 to P1,000 or 1-15 days community service, schools Atty. M. Antolin

No parade for Noynoy to save costs

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Aquino's mother, former President Corazon Aquino.

Thailand and Malaysia have been "longtime" partners of the Philippines in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, aside from Malaysia's role as a facilitator in the government's negotiations with secessionist Moro rebels, officials said.

Innovation: Oath of change

In the past, an inaugural parade preceded the singing of the national anthem, the invocation, the oath-taking and the address of the incoming President.

While Aquino is dropping the parade, his inaugural team has also observed a novelty: The volunteer groups that helped in his campaign would deliver an "oath to change" at the Quirino Grandstand in response to his address.

"That's an innovation," said Quezon, the spokesperson for the inaugural, and also Noynoy's columnist and host of ABC's "The Explainer."

In keeping with pre-martial law traditions, Aquino will roll on his arrival to Malacañang on the morning of June 30. They will then ride the presidential limousine together to the Quirino Grandstand.

There, the two will shake hands and bid each other goodbye. Aquino will go up the stage for the inaugural prayers and Mr. Arroyo will depart in her vehicle.

"His decision to go the route of a very traditional, pre-martial law inaugural will emphasize the end of one administration and the beginning of the next," Quezon said.

The original idea of the Aquino camp was to hold the inaugural at the Quirino Memorial Circle. But Aquino has scrapped it to avoid security hitches as well as the added cost of building a temporary stage.

In his own words

During the inaugural, the Senate president will read Congress' proclamation of the election of Aquino and Vice President-elect Jejomar Binay as "proud of their mandate," according to Quezon.

Aquino will then deliver a short, thought-provoked inaugural address that he is currently working.

"It is a 'hands-on approach,' he has spent the past several days writing and rewriting the inaugural speech, chipping away at the rough edges, with some help from "a pool of speech writers," Quezon said, adding that he was not part of the group.

"The shortest inaugural address was eight minutes—that of President Ramon Magsaysay Jr.," Quezon said. "That's the kind of precedent he wants to adhere to. He wants to be brief."

Given that Aquino dislikes "flowery language" and rhetoric, he will deliver a "short and direct" address, according to Quezon.

This was how Quezon explained Aquino's process of writing speech: "He writes down his thoughts, and looks for the best flow of ideas. Very logical. Then he will consider style. Even for style, he likes getting layed. It has to be in his comfort level in terms of language and rhetoric.

"But it's always substance before style."

After writing the outline, Aquino "folds it around" to a host of speech writers for ideas, edit for a preliminary draft, and goes over it again—"paper by paper," Quezon said, adding:

"I would say 85 percent of the speechwriting is his. He's very meticulous. He has his own sense of cadence and rhythm."

Every step of the way

By now, 18 days before the inauguration, Aquino's speech is on its "penultimate revision," Quezon said.

Aquino, who ran and won on an anti-corruption platform, said he promised to prosecute officials suspected in corruption scandals, is expected to rally Filipinos to help him govern the country.

"In my opinion, he will be inclined to ask the public to be with him every step of the way. They may remember him from their presence with him during the elections. The next journey will be to ride it out together for the next six years. It's a journey with everyone," Quezon said.

Mike Arroyo spinal surgery a success; now, he talks of golf

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at the intensive care unit of St. Luke's Medical Center in Taguig City, but was expected to be transferred to a regular room today.

"We're very happy with the successful surgery. He and his family are very happy," Mai-Mai Laguidao, St. Luke's vice president for customer affairs, said by phone.

Mike Arroyo, who turns 64 on June 27, was admitted to the hospital on Thursday. His doctors had advised him to undergo the surgery in order to postpone a visit to his wife, the body's biggest safety.

Complicated procedure

The surgery, including preparations, was conducted yesterday from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, according to Laguidao.

"Within an hour after surgery he was awake. He was sitting up, talking and joking. In fact, they were talking about him playing golf at some point," she said.

Laguidao said the patient would undergo physical rehabilitation shortly.

Governor admitted that it was a complicated procedure.

"His problem in his spine is not an ordinary problem. It's high risk for any intervention or procedure because of the co-morbidity problem. That is the issue now," she said.

This was why it took a lot of "planning and decision-making for many to know that anytime, there would be pain, and it could be more than normal pain, and an elevation in the blood pressure was cascade into another line to be answered," she added.

'He's OK'

Mr. Arroyo, whose term as President ends on June 30, is in St. Luke's as "transfer-over" his husband, Presidential Management Staff chief Rene Bautista from announcement early yesterday was dyed.

Mike Arroyo's lawyer Ray Bautista said the patient was his usual self and did not seem bothered by his scheduled surgery.

"I spoke with him (by phone on Friday)," Bautista said. "He's OK."

Bautista said he hoped that after the surgery, Mike Arroyo, who has a history of blood-related ailments, would be in better shape.

"It's better for him to do this surgery now. It's the back pain that's causing his blood pressure to rise, and the surgery should prevent a rise in his score," the lawyer said.

Vulnerable pain

Mike Arroyo himself announced his surgery to the media after launching his two books on Malacañang on Tuesday.

He said his back pain had become unbearable and that his spine had to be fixed."

Mike Arroyo was hospitalized in March for what doctors have diagnosed as a tear in his aorta.

He was taken to St. Luke's on March 29, after his complained of excruciating back pain. He was discharged on April 7, and was advised to lose weight and avoid "high-level exertion."

He had been undergoing regular therapy at St. Luke's since he had high-risk open heart surgery in April 2007 after being diagnosed with a dissecting aorta aneurysm.

FLOORED! Singer-composer Jon Mar'Chan and other guests applaud a performance of the Mark Sherman-Tim Horner Jazz Quartet and are floored by the spontaneity of their host, US envoy Thomas, in his Forbes Park residence.

SEEING STARS Cesar Montano, wife Sunshine Cruz and children pose with the host.

US envoy hosts night of music and all that jazz

THE HEARTBEAT OF '60S An singer Pat Castillo of the popular '60s group Circus Band sings the old romantic pop classic she gets the ambassador to dance with her.

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Quartet, which was on the last leg of an Asian tour that included Russia, South Korea and China.

The strictly invitational affair served as a sneak preview of the band's gigs held Friday at Greenbelt 3 Park (a Makati), and last night at Old City in Bacolod.

Apparently, Thomas loves jazz. In his opening remarks, he said the band's sponsor, The Rhythm Road: American Music Abroad diplomatic program, was formed by bizarre to Jazz Ambassadors, which debuted in 1956 with an international tour that featured Dizzy Gillespie with his 14-piece orchestra.

Favorite jazz envoy

"But my favorite jazz ambassador to my wife, Ericka Dawn, who is a jazz singer," Thomas said. But she was not at the party. She's still in New York.

"I have only one request," he said and asked the audience to refrain from chatting while the band was playing.

Thomas ended his opid with a dash of Tagalog. "Isang araw noong magkasundan at magtagpo tayong gabi Eat at all ang aking pag-ibig mula noon."

Clearly, the 53-year-old Foreign Service veteran can pick up languages easily. He speaks Spanish, Hindi and Bangla – having been posted in the US Embassies in New Delhi, India, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Bangladesh.

DISCIPLINED MUSICIANS The Mark Sherman-Tim Horner Jazz Quartet defies not a number, a premiere of the group's gigs in Makati and Bacolod cities. Horner played with the Philippines own Bobbie Enriquez for eight years in New York. Enriquez died in 1996.

JAZZ SINGER Sandra Virag impresses the quartet and guests including members of the diplomatic corps with her rendition of Gershwin's "Summertime."

Musicians on the floor

"Let's sit on the floor," said US spokespop singer Ann Hui Chan, one of the guests, who included members of the diplomatic corps, heads of artistic groups and cultural establishments, record label bosses, concert promoters and local musicians.

"If we sit on the floor, we might just be able to get up," said rock musician and radio station owner Ramon Jacinto in jest. But he was not the expected floor anymore.

The quartet's first number, "Smile, Said the Dream" (an original composition by the band's pianist, Jon Hui), got the feet and cheers – in contrast to the early evening weather marked by a slight drizzle.

Disciplined musician

The bandleaders were quite a style: While Mark Sherman's initial impression reminded some one having a heart attack, the notes he roused from his vibraphone had a soothing effect, and Tim Horner's drum rolls exuded a strong, yet unobtrusive presence.

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Next was Jacqui Magpe, one of the female vocalists of the popular '70s club act, the Circus Band, who sang an annual version of Johnny Mathis' signature hit "Misty."

When it was Richard Mark's turn at the mic, he cracked a joke: "I have just been assured of getting a '23 rise," before singing a jazz standard, "Fee to Time," with young musicians Jonny Mendoza on baritone sax.

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Next was Jacqui Magpe, one of the female vocalists of the popular '70s club act, the Circus Band, who sang an annual version of Johnny Mathis' signature hit "Misty."

When it was Richard Mark's turn at the mic, he cracked a joke: "I have just been assured of getting a '23 rise," before singing a jazz standard, "Fee to Time," with young musicians Jonny Mendoza on baritone sax.

Dance with a real man

Mr Castillo, another former vocalist of the Circus Band, was in the midst of singing the 1950s hit, "The Sentence of Yes," when she approached Thomas, who was seated nearby, and asked him to dance with her.

"At last I can dance in this case with a real man," Castillo quipped.

The envoy set off some cheering from the guests.

Moments later, a smiling Thomas was seen engaging in small talk with a journalist wearing red Converse sneakers.

"When I was growing up in New York," Thomas said, "we used to call those shoes 'Cons.' Now they're [called] 'Chucks,' right?"

Wildman

Earlier, before the show, Horner told the bayanan: "There was a Filipino musician I used to play with. He came a Bobby Enriquez and we played together for eight years in New York."

"The Wildman!" this reporter recalled.

"Yes indeed," Horner said.

Enriquez died in 1996.

As the show winded down, some of the guests asked to have their pictures taken with Thomas, who gladly obliged.

The Mark Sherman-Tim Horner Quartet tour is a partnership between Jazz at Lincoln Center (JALC) and the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. JALC's artistic director is the renowned trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, who also visited Manila in the '90s.

Assistant Editor Tony Ilee-gonka

Across the NATION

US envoy: Make Clark free of graft

CLARK FREEPORT—The expansion and upgrading of the facilities of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA) here should be transparent, efficient and free from any form of graft and corruption.

That was the message of United States Ambassador to the Philippines Harry Thomas Jr. in a meeting with Clark International Airport Corp. (CIAC) and Clark Development Corp. (CDC) officials here on Friday.

Thomas, who said his Clark visit was his first outside of Metro Manila, told reporters that he wanted to see trade and development in this free port.

"We have only been the airport for a little and I've just unfortunately impressed with the [DMIA]. It's a first-class airport. And we would like to see transparency, efficiency and graft- and corruption-free development here," Thomas told reporters after the meeting.

Cemetery visit

Thomas also visited the Clark cemetery here where hundreds of American and Filipino soldiers, including those who served during World War II and the Vietnam War, are buried. He led a wreath-laying ceremony at the cemetery.

Dir. Mark Ji, the Clark-based regional director of Bureau of Animal Industry-Department of Agriculture (BAI-DA) in Central Luzon, said the agency has already started the culling of chickens in the area.

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INQUIRER Mindanao

Projects keep going without fanfare

ELECTIONS are one of the few instances when the people of Mindanao, like these voters lining up at a polling precinct in Davao City on Election Day last May 10, could make their voices heard amid the noise of fear and conflict in some parts of the island.

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THE GREATEST MUSICAL OF ALL TIME!

By Martina Grau
Contributor

IN THE LOCAL LANguages, "pagkat" means democracies. It's an ironic name for a small town in Maguindanao on the ever-shifting margins of the vast Lapanan Marsh in Central Mindanao.

Life for Pagkat residents was, for a long time, indeed marginal and not just because of the isolation forced by sporadic conflict and lack of economic activity. The town had little agricultural infrastructure and three of its eight barangays were in a particularly swampy area.

"Cars [carts] were poor, and had to be suspended above ground because otherwise they would rot. In our barangay people's bellies often swelled because of the bad water," Datu Abdulkarim Langkuan said as he recalled his early days as mayor of the town.

"Things were not much different from Spanish times and World War II," Langkuan said. "Residents were so poor they were afraid about hunger, children could not go to school."

For years, different armed groups, including separatist forces and criminal gangs, threatened the town at will, shedding vain governmental troops and sometimes with each other.

Bare reality

"The locals in people there are whole and do not believe in the government," Langkuan said. He speaks with the frustration one would expect of a former field commander of the Moro National Liberation Front.

Before the 1996 peace agreement, Langkuan was the director general of the MNLF's overseas revolutionary committee operating out of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

"People needed a proper livelihood and enough to eat in order to begin integrating a lot as with real conflict," he said.

Seeking help from international donors, he contacted the Chemical Intern Agency for International Development (USAID) whose Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) program implements barangay infrastructure projects in conflict-affected areas of Mindanao Island and the Sulu archipelago, under the oversight of the Mindanao Development Authority.

"These projects include community facilities such as boat landings, bridges and footbridges, water systems, solar dryers, trading centers, and road connectivity and upgrades," said Rosalido Tipli, an engineer and area manager of GEM's Maguindanao subcontractor project.

Tipli said that "the kind of facility is community-driven depends on the needs of the residents."

To date, the GEM program has implemented more than 1,000 barangay projects in 180 towns in 21 provinces and 13 cities in Mindanao, in partnership with local governments. Pagkat is among the recipients of the projects.

Although relatively simple and small in scale, these barangay projects have benefited more than a million residents in the region, improving their quality of life and economic well-being.

According to a 2009 guide on economic growth published by the USAID, a key activity for development agencies in the post-conflict period is to "reduce structural obstacles and eliminate barriers to movement and commerce, particularly for rural and agricultural markets."

In persistently dusty Pagkat, solar dryers were already a priority. There, dryers—basically smooth, flat slabs of concrete, covered benched square meters in area, on which newly harvested grains is spread—allow farmers to dry their crops quickly and evenly. This minimizes spoilage and allows the growers to obtain better incomes from their labor.

When the months-long typhoon season came in to prepare the ground for the first GEM solar dryer in the barangay Damalayan in Pagkat, people came running.

"It was the first time they'd seen such machines," Langkuan said. "They said, 'Talagang totoo ito [this is for real now].'"

"Solar dryer may appear to be a small improvement," he said, "but to the people it's a very big thing."

He said the use of the dryer began bringing in additional income, which energized the farmers and soon allowed them to buy more daily comforts for their families.

"It was the first time they'd seen such machines ... They said, it's for real this time. A solar dryer may appear to be a small improvement ... but to the people it's very big ..."

As a communal facility, each dryer is used by different families in turn. This sharing, and its universal focus on the cycle of cultivation and harvest, helped the community to coalesce and provided a sense of stability.

GEM engineers and local partner agencies have observed that barangay infrastructure projects "generally result in a range of 'multiplier effects'" in addition to the main intended outputs.

"Job creation and diversification and the gains warehouses built by GEM for seasons and workshops," Langkuan said.

In the town, local income opportunities such the municipality in spreading positive news of economic activity.

"People are no longer resentful of government," Langkuan said.

Partnership

GEM said building a barangay infrastructure project is always a partnership between the GEM program and the beneficiary community, which provides at least a 25-percent counterpart contribution. The community thus "buys in" to the project's success.

"The local government's role is to pursue their commitment from the start," said Cesar Tee of GEM. This includes a significant portion of "land" counterpart contributions, such as construction materials or construction of a portion of the project, Tee said.

"They have to shell out funds. This is what counterpart entails," he said.

Occasionally, a local government may decide to back down on its counterpart commitments, even though construction has begun, he said. "In such cases, we stop all assistance from particular LGU until their obligation occurs," he said.

Martina Grau works for GEM, a program funded by the US Agency for International Development and implemented under the oversight of the Mindanao Development Authority.

Girl survives massacre but finds a father . . .

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home of 16-year-old Adyn Pearson Pangayan.

Pangayan's husband was away and she was alone with two of her three children.

Massacre

It was not clear whether the Philippine National Police (PNP) Provincial Office in Camp Siochi in Pagadian City, Police Senior Supt. Ramon Martinez (Sibonga) reported that the victim (Pangayan) resisted and it resulted in the incident.

The "resistor" was a machete. Pangayan and her 4-year-old son Leamar were found dead from multiple stab wounds. In the course of the crime scene investigation, the police found a wounded child boy girl, bleeding from wounds on her wrists and chest.

At the hospital, the father, a tricycle driver, told the social worker that if the baby died, to put her beside her mother. But if the baby survived, he said there

"There was a couple who came in," he says. "When they saw her hand, they said she would be no good at doing laundry when she grew up. A week went by. He said every thing and still no one would take her."

Take her home

Then Pigmasten made a joke: "I said, 'If no one wants her I'll take her.'"

The search team took him seriously.

"I told them, 'Let me talk to my wife,'" he says.

At the time he made his offer, Pigmasten was living at his parents' home with his wife, Lourda, and their 4-year-old daughter. When he broached the idea of fostering a child, his wife was reluctant.

"She had just finished praying for diapers and milk," he says. "And I was the only one with a job. But she didn't say no. She said, 'Let's see how in the hospital.'"

Together they went to the hospital. Lourda said very little when she was led to the ward. But when the couple went home, she was carrying the baby.

Ambulance chaser

Policemen don't make a lot

and four last were killed.

"I found her father and asked him about the child he left. But I didn't tell him that it was I who had adopted her," he says.

As far as Ramos's biological father was concerned, as Australian family had adopted his daughter. He told Pigmasten that he couldn't have done anything for her, that it was fated, that he had no intention of ever looking for his child.

In summary, Pigmasten says if anyone tries to take Ramos from him, he will fight for the girl he considers his daughter. He says he has authentic documents showing that Ramos had been abandoned with the DSWD.

"Someday I'll bring her to meet her [biological] father. I bet I know (much will) never stay with him. At night, she looks for her mother. I see it. She doesn't eat when she's not there. She's no different from my other children. The only difference is, she didn't come from my wife," he says.

She knows

With his wife away for police training, it is Pigmasten who cares for their children every day.

"When you have a system, it gets easy. When we have time, I take them to work with me in motorcycle. The smallest in front, fourth behind me, Sarah, sh behind her. He ride to the park, or in the edge of the sea. I never get tired of them. When I see them, the tiredness goes away. They're my best friends," he says.

Every few months, Pigmasten brings Ramos to the Philippine General Hospital in Manila so doctors could operate on her injured hand.

"At first, her hand was like paper," he says. "It just hung there without any. Their musculature. Now she can close her hand. Someday, she may be able to use a computer."

Helping hands

The doctors at PGH said more surgery was needed so Ramos could have full use of her hand. Her father does not know how he will bring his little girl back to Manila, but he will find a way.

He can, their trips to Manila were sponsored by Western Mindanao Chief Supt. Angelo Sinoglan and PNP Director General Jesus Verzosa.

Verzosa and Ferrosh knows she is adopted. She is reminded of it every time she is asked about the cuts on her arm, or when every she hears neighbors talk of the killings. When asked about her mother, Ramos says her "mama" died in a massacre.

"I know she doesn't know what it means," Pigmasten says, "but when she grows up, she won't be surprised and she won't be hurt."

Every year he has learned at the adoption forums conducted by the DSWD and what he supposes as penalized of a local adoptive parent association.

He she says they are in the process of securing the papers work the Ermah's formal adoption.

Father's day

This is Ramos's today. She is a small girl by ruffled courage, and by the time he has finished the trilogy, "Ilgas Sendika." She can feel, in all shyness, desire to keep up with her father's scuffed black boots. Her small hand clutches her father's hand—the one with the cuts.

"Not since did I regret it. She's my daughter," Pigmasten says.

When asked how many children he has, he replies: "Three."

The reporter asked what his middle child calls him, he smiles and says: "She calls me 'Daddy.'" With reports from Ruth Dacuan and Alexandra Pilando

For information or how to donate to the Ramos Fund, send an e-mail to thomasphilip@gmail.com

HIGHROOM: Not just a richer figure in the abandoned Ermah

END WALKS, DANCES: Eva Escuda Kalaw, at her Sampaloc home, is embraced by memories and antiquities.

Opposition icon Eva Kalaw, 90, still has lots of living to do

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Kalaw is best remembered for being a female presence in the Senate at a time when most women dreamt of catching the perfect man and spending the rest of their lives taking care of a husband and children.

That Kalaw also had for 41 years with her late husband, Teodoro V. Kalaw.

"I'm a Home Economics grad, sam. You'll be surprised the times (moments) senators (in my time) were home-bodies. Magsisa (housemen and myself)...were all H.E. graduates. Can you beat that?" she says.

Beauty and peril

In her youth, she former senator was known not for the campus as that rare combination of beauty and peril, being talented and good looking and a champion shooter at the same time.

The story is that she was blamed for the failure of UP her fiancée Fernando to top the bar exams because her beauty and intelligence distracted him from concentrating on the tomes. And in the heavy pressure to Emmanuel Pelaez (later to serve as Marcos' vice president) of National University instead.

Fernando went on to become Chief Justice during the Marcos regime.

While Kalaw does not shoot anymore, she says she has national laurels champion medalist hung four Olympic shooters Martin Isaac, when he was coaching her on shoot with a .45 cal. pistol.

The one man she could not beat, however, was future husband Teodoro V. Kalaw.

"We had a contest, he said, 'okay if I beat you, you have to bake me a cake.' It turns out he wanted to court me. That was the cutest he said," she said.

There was, Teodoro, he would later become an Olympic shooter, representing the Philippines in the Ill-fated 1972 Munich Games.

Survived Plaza Miranda

Kalaw, a member of the Nacionalista Party who was running for a third term as a guest candidate of the Liberal Party, became one of the victims of the grenade attack on the Liberals at Plaza Miranda on Aug. 21, 1971. She survived with shrapnel wounds on her legs.

She believes her survival was "a question of faith."

She said the grenades fell on the side of the stage opposite from where she was sitting. Three people died in that area of the stage.

"There was also another bomb thrown on our side but it didn't hit us," she said.

While Kalaw said she detests Ferdinand Marcos, was offended by party mates, she was in the opposition. Shortly after Marcos declared martial law on Sept. 21, 1972, Kalaw was thrown in jail.

But it seems the passage of time has made her magnanimously disposed toward the late dictator.

"I was not opposing him. There were points where we disagreed. Remember me he longed to the same party. Ours was (an) open-minded (disagreement). We were Ignacio off the University of the Philippines, you know. We understood each other in the sense, he took (criticism) easily and I took it nicely. We were quarreling on issues, we were never quarreling as friends," Kalaw said.

She started yellow ribbons

LP Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr., who was seen as Marcos' biggest rival, received some of the harshest treatment from Marcos.

While he was eventually permitted to move to Boston for a heart operation, patriotism and worsening abuses of the Marcos regime made Aquino decide to return to the Philippines.

Days before Aquino's scheduled arrival on Aug. 21, 1983, Kalaw and her sister, the poet Nena Estrada Pozos, proposed tying yellow ribbons around trees and lampposts along the route that Aquino was to take from the Manila International Airport to his Times St. residence in Quezon City.

Aquino's youngest child, Teresa Oreta, who was at the thanksgiving Mass for Kalaw, confirmed this particular detail.

"She was the person directly in charge) of the preparations for Ninoy's arrival. She was in charge of mobilization. She was also the one who thought of the slogan 'Hindi Ka Nag-Isa' (You are not alone)," Oreta said.

Honorable calling

Kalaw was tipped off by a female relative that her family had secretly got together a short film tribute, on her life, from archive footage.

"They are going to reveal all my follies!" she gasped in mock horror.

For most of her two terms in the Senate, Kalaw was chair of the Senate committee committee.

"That's my first because I took up education and welfare," she said.

She said that in her time, being a senator was a "really honorable" calling.

"Every congressman was respected before," she said.

She agreed with what her contemporary Senator said that the Senate of their time was "a more sedate, staid and civilized place," citing Senate colleagues Gil Puyat, Ramon Magsaysay, Lorenzo Sumulong, Jose W. Diokno, Benigno Aquino Jr. and Salvador Laurel as "true gentlemen of impeccable manners, unfailing courtesy and high principles."

Very, very poor quality

Kalaw said the more recent breed of senators are of a "very, very poor quality."

She noted how people who are not qualified seem to become senators because they love the title. And movie stars, because they are so popular, are elected senators, she said.

"Becoming a senator is not a question of popularity. It's a question of knowledgeability. Because you're mimicking the President, you are the check as the President. But if you are not qualified, how would you check the President?" she said.

Kalaw expressed some disgust with her former chief Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son of the dictator.

"You (are sure if he has) the knowledge or experience. I mean, you're just a mayor or governor of a province and suddenly you're a senator. You know the senator matches with the President. The senator can run (for) the President is only the female. You must have enough experience to do so," she said.

She is glad that Senators Juan Ponce Enrile and Miriam Santiago, whom she considers "good senators," are still around.

"Otherwise I don't know how the new senators will behave. I don't know. They haven't been tested," she said.

Time to go

She said it was time for President Benigno Aquino to go.

"Ten years of her was more than enough. I'll wait just too long for any president, especially for one who has not really done any major things. Ten years of bad government?" she said.

Kalaw is also unsure about President elect Benigno Aquino III.

"I don't know if his (Aquino's) inducement a very prepared because he had not been long in this game but we have an choice," she said.

She said Aquino III should focus on getting local banks and funds back in the hands of Filipinos, the way it was during the time of President Carlos Garcia.

"All banks are out in our hands. During the time of Garcia, all banks were under Filipino hands. Now our money is being held by foreigners," she said.

Carlos P. Garcia

"Of all presidents, I respect Garcia. He really wanted to give the country to the hands of Filipinos. He established import control. Garcia said, 'why are we importing? We should compete.' Let us (for) our old industries. Let our industries grow. Give them a chance to grow." Of all our Presidents, Garcia was the best, from my point of view," Kalaw said.

Kalaw is 90 but looks like she only just recently got her senior citizen's card.

"I feel the same. I'm no weaker. I don't feel older ...I feel the same. It's a question of feeling. Even if you're old and you feel older, what will happen to you? I dance. I walk. I'm 90, and in a few more years I will be 100," she said. "Wouldn't that be nice?" she said.

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NEWS

All kinds of heroes star in Inquirer Read-Along

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Inquirer Research

STORIES ABOUT ALL kinds of heroes—well-known heroes, unlikely heroes and new heroes—regaled both kids and adults alike during Saturday's Inquirer Read-Along session.

The session, attended by over 40 children, celebrated Independence Day and featured a reading segment titled Philippines-Kuth Kita Hydia Bonet, Sophia School storytellers and special guest Rondeau James de Guzman Yulo.

Bonet read "Dakung Bayang ng Bituin" by Rina Villanueva and published by Adarna, a book about the lives of national heroes Jose Rizal and Andres Bonifacio.

Sophia school principal Ana Abacan read "Dragong Pula" by Virgilio Almario, while teachers Ulcong Candido Elke Candido, Ocang de la Vega and Jude Hilarion read "El Deseng Guinigamos" by Maria Summa Rodrigo.

"Dragong Pula" is a story of a dragon initially deemed a threat by townspeople but who eventually becomes their hero when he saved their village.

Curious listenership

"Si Deseng Guinigamos" is about a very curious dentwelly, often teased by his friends because he always played a safe and never read story time is fun. He ended up saving his town adventurous friends when their wings caught fire.

During the session, host Sadie Briones introduced 10-year-old Yulo, who was the inspiration for the book "Hands that Bridge." The story is about Cloy Sean—a deaf person. He went to part of Mano Pandaki's "Batang Bayani (Child Heroes)" series of children's books.

Yulo, who came to the session with his grandmother Gil, shared his experience as a child of deaf parents. He related how he had to learn sign language at a very young age. He also shared stories about the difficulties he encountered in having to interpret everything—from newsroom to parent-teacher meetings—to his parents and motivated grandparents, who never take sides.

Yulo also taught the kids a few phrases in sign language, like "I love you, Dad" and "Good morning."

Four books

The "Batang Bayani" series has four books—"Song of the Dagat" (about a young Dagat who helps in stealing her culture with others), "Bidens at Dayanar" (about a child painter who teaches other children how to paint while helping his mother with her work), "A Reader's Story" (about a young girl who loves reading), and "Hands that Bridge."

Apart from being an environmentalist, singing Mio Philippines-Dutch Nessa shared that she was also a feminist and an advocate for children's rights.

"I joined the pageant to be able to pursue something bigger. It is an accomplishment for me to be able to be part of things like the Inquirer Read-Along. I truly believe that reading is very important. It is the key to being more informed. And the Filipino drug is an avenue where we can make reading more interesting for kids," said Bonet, a student at the University of the Philippines Open University.

The session was held at the Inquirer main office in Makati City in cooperation with Manila on Manila and Volunteer Foundation. After the program, "Bidisyon Marketing Corp. treated the kids to Bonet C juice, Energen cereal drink, magi and Bimbon chocolates.

The next session will be on June 25, 10 a.m., at the Inquirer main office in Makati. Interested participants may contact Elisa Capistrano at 897-8000 ext. 328. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

REMEMBERING RIZAL

To mark the 145th birth anniversary of the national hero Dr. Jose Rizal on June 19, operatic singers Geronimo Santamaria and Raye Lenore perform "Sandugo" and "Sulisan" sites in Fort Santiago in Manila where Rizal was imprisoned prior to being executed by musketry by the Spaniards at the break of dawn in 1896. Poems written by Rizal were read out loud during the commemoration.

Veep Noli gives Veep Jojo a poser: Building or sunset view?

By Norman Bordadora

SO WHAT'LL IT BE—THE Manila Bay sunset or the Makati skyline?

Outgoing Vice President Noli de Castro has left Vice President-elect Jejomar "Jojo" Binay Binay (twice about his decision to hold office at the old Makati City Hall instead of in a newer space at the Philippine National Bank in Pasay City which is the official vice president's office.

"What you have here is the sunset of Manila Bay. The sunset we have in Makati is seen from the 21st floor," said Binay, after De Castro gave him a tour of his current Boss office at the PNB Financial Center at the Cultural Center of the Philippines complex.

Asked by reporters if De Castro's tour made him change his mind, Binay said, "Let's see what happens in the coming months."

The old Makati City Hall will be renovated in the coming months. Currently, Binay stays in of Makati for more than 20 years, holds office on the 21st floor of the new 22-story City Hall.

The concrete and glass building has a panoramic view of the Makati skyline on one side and the Ortigas center on the other. Behind it is the winding Pasig River.

Binay's son, Jejomar Jr., is set to take over the reins of the city after being elected mayor so there's hardly a chance his old man will be in town of an office there if he is months in office.

While Philippine presidents have their official residences and office at Malacañang Palace in San Miguel, Manila, vice presidents go home to their private residence and don't have a fixed office address.

Former Vice President Teofisto Guingona, De Castro's predecessor, held office at the Philippine International Convention Center, a stone's throw away from the present site of the Office of the Vice President (OVP).

"We'd like to thank Vice President Noli for taking an interest (the place). We [Noli] thought it was small and not the modern office that it is," Binay said.

De Castro had the OVP renovated to improve efficiency and security. He also claimed Binay the bulk door through which one could smash out in social unwanted visitors.

Told the Vice President-elect this does about?" Binay jokingly asked De Castro's staff after he saw photos that show what it have contributed to it.

De Castro's office has a wide view of Manila Bay and the CCP complex. After a day's work he can look out the glass wall and watch the world-famous sunset slide down the horizon.

The wall from the lobby to the office is lined with the portraits of the past vice presidents, from Emiliano Tirio to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Lawyer Jose Andres, De Castro's chief of staff, said the OVP has an area of 750 square meters.

De Castro said a government team from Binay helped his staff set up the office for good luck.

"I think he would like it here," De Castro said of Binay.

DE CASTRO

BINAY

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PAREDES

A MAGAZINE IN New Zealand edited by a Filipina journalist has won a top media award for best magazine.

CIO New Zealand, edited by Divina C. Paredes, was named Best Trade/Professional Magazine at the Qantas Media Awards 2010 held in Auckland on June 11.

CIO New Zealand received the same award in 2001, when it was known as IDG magazine. IDG merged with its closest competitor CIO in September 2006.

CIO focuses on reports on management trends in the information technology sector, and provides in-depth reporting on key issues in business technology. The September edition, MIS100, profiles the top information technology executives in New Zealand.

Paredes edited IDG and later CIO magazine beginning in 2004. Her previous awards include Hi-Tech Journalist of the Year for 2006 and 2007, and magazine feature writer, information and communications technology, Qantas Media Awards 2007.

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Jail guard's invention saves on power

By John M. Aurelio

AN INMATE AT THE QUEZON City Jail pedals furiously on a stationary bike, beads of sweat trickling like tar tears down his back.

But he's not only out to lose those extra pounds. He wants to help save on electricity consumption in the congested jail that has been his home for the past two years.

Each session on the stationary bike is equal to electric power stored on a battery attached to the bike, which the jail can use to power electric fans and light bulbs. It can even heat water for morning coffee.

The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) has yet to give the contraption a catchy name, but it has caught the interest of both inmates and jail guards after they saw how two electric bulbs lit up after just two minutes of intense pedaling.

Today, the BJMP's "Bisikleta Mesha sa Pawis" project aims to make use of the inmates' "potential energy" by encouraging them to sweat it out on the bikes—and generate electricity on the side.

Dual purpose

"Bike ng serves a dual purpose for us here. The inmates can exercise and shed a few pounds. At the same time, the exercise generates electricity that they themselves use," Jail Chief Supt. Serafin Barretto Jr.

The jail official said that with the device, they hope to bring down the electricity bill of the cramped Quezon City Jail, which houses more than 1,000 inmates.

For the project, each of the jail's eight dormitories will get its own bike and battery, which cost P10,000 each.

"Our electricity bill amounting to P607,000 was reduced to P515,000 after we cut down on the use of appliances. With this gadget, we hope to be able to power up simple appliances, especially water heaters that we use for the inmates' morning coffee," said Jail warden Supt. Nestor Velasquez.

The contraption—a stationary bike supported by scrap metal collected from a junk shop, a car battery and a light bulb to demonstrate the effect—is the brainchild of a jail guard who once worked as a car mechanic.

Untapped energy

Jail Warden Insp. Glenn Rae Ebreo, the man behind the invention, said the device works like a big dynamo that makes use of the inmates' potential energy that is largely wasted as they spend time behind bars.

"I thought that since the inmates go to the gym to work out, why not use this energy in a more productive way," he told reporters.

Each battery can be charged in two to three hours of pedaling on the stationary bike.

"This is one solution we came up with regarding the problems of lack of electricity, a big electricity bill and global warming caused by harmful emissions. The only emission here comes from the sweat of inmates," he laughed.

"Two to five minutes of pedaling by an in-

JMA/ AAS

PEDAL power at the jail known this only good for the body, but also a boost to government's austerity program. JOAN BONDOC

Man facing murder raps extradited to Hong Kong

By Tina G. Santos

A MAN WANTED FOR THE murder of an American couple in 2003 was extradited to Hong Kong on Friday.

According to Interior Chief Ricardo R. Puno Jr., chief of the NBI International Operations Division, Mandilli was flown to Hong Kong via a Cathay Pacific Flight 906 Friday afternoon. Mandilli was escorted by Hong Kong authorities during the trip, he added.

The murder suspect will have to face the six alleged murders in the killing of Ng Kamsing and Suen Ming-yeung, both 38, whose bodies had Chinese dossiers, seven years ago.

The victims were allegedly murdered by the accused in their house in Bel Tesi Village, Hong Kong, between April 12 and 13, 2003. The two died of multiple stab wounds.

De Castro said Mandilli was flown to Hong Kong via a Cathay Pacific Flight to face the allegations. Mandilli was escorted by Hong Kong authorities during the trip, he added.

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"It is rumored that they were killed shortly after because they were found wearing the same clothes they used when they

dined out with friends," De Castro said.

The suspect was last seen in the premises of the couple's house around 6 p.m. of the same day, he added.

At 5:1 p.m. of the same day, Mandilli paid a surprise visit to a friend in the neighborhood, asking if he could stay there because he could not sleep in his own quarters because once the couple's house.

Mandilli left his friend's residence between 9 and 9:11 a.m. the next day. He was seen leaving his quarters in a hurry at 11 noon.

He also bought a one-way ticket for the first available flight to Manila around 2 p.m. and left Hong Kong at 5:25 p.m. on April 13, 2003.

On March 2, 2004, a warrant of arrest was issued by the Hong Kong Magistrate Tong Man, of the Magistrate's Court of Shatin, Hong Kong. Two counts of murder were subsequently filed against Mandilli.

Mandilli proved to be "very elusive," said De Castro, until he was arrested by the Philippine National Police operatives in Bocos Bukit on Dec. 13, 2004.

He was then placed under the custody of the Philippine Center for Transnational Crimes in Camp Crame, pend his transfer to the Intrapol Division of the NBI.

On March 5, 2010, Judge Virgilio Mararang, Branch 37 of the Manila Regional Trial Court, issued an order granting the petition to deport Mandilli's ward and him to Hong Kong.

METROBRIEFS

Laptops stolen from QC office

LAPTOPS and other electronic gadgets worth around P700,000 were reported stolen from an office in Quezon City between Thursday morning and Friday morning of this week. Arrested from the Quezon City Police District's Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit said the theft happened at Bel-Rhee Phoenix office at Rm 80 Bldg along Maginhawa Street in Barangay Central. Crime investigator PO1 Victor Delagdo said the theft was reported by four messengers of the firm, Anthony de la Peña and Felix Bellido, who discovered the loss when they came to work on Friday morning. Stolen were two Toshiba laptops worth P 972,000, an Asus laptop worth P45,000 and a brand new Packard laptop worth P40,000, as well as a Nokia cell phone worth P7,000. An initial investigation revealed that the office was looted from Thursday night to Friday morning. Bo Jeffrey and Bellido found the office open in disarray, where they found some work personnel there to ease the help of police authorities. Delagdo said the suspects gained entry into the office by forcefully open the sliding door, after which they took off with the stolen items.

Julie R. dumlao

Skyway Stage 2 project underway

THE GROUNDBREAKING off by President Macapagal-Arroyo on June 11 of the completed Buendia-Bicutan elevated road sections of Circle Metro Manila Skyway Stage 2 Project has signaled the beginning of the asphalting work for the Skyway Stage 2 project. The project developer, Citra Metro Manila Tollways Corp. (CMMTC) said its contractor, D. M. Consunji Inc. later proceeded with the asphalt overlay work after the ceremonies. Pursuant during the drive through inspection were executives from Citra Metro Manila tollways Corp. led by its CEO Jose Mapua Jr., president and chief executive officer Ursula Valencia and deputy chief executive officer Jacob Maniquiz. The Skyway Stage 2 project was launched in July 2007. As of May 25, the project is more than 92 percent complete. The CMMTC and DPWH are currently fast-tracking the construction of the Buendia ramps and the Bicutan ramp toll plaza to achieve the project's second milestone of the opening of the Buendia-Bicutan elevated toll road section to traffic by December of this year.

DAILY BIRDS AT THE PARK
Attending the Sunday crowd, this father and his son spend Father's Day at the bicycle park inside the Lagoon along Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City.

Cops too close for comfort

By Tina G. Santos

A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, allegedly a member of a syndicate involved in shoot-changing customers at a grocery, changed shop, was arrested Friday night right inside the headquarters of the Manila Police District (MPD).

PCI Reginald delos Reyes of the MPD General Assignment Section (GAS) said Adamson Pascual, a cashier of Shipwise Money Changers, was caught when she visited a friend, inmate Santos, at the MPD jail.

Marcel Hendrix of Scarborough, Bahamas, who was at the police station to follow up a complaint she had filed earlier, then confronted Pascual in the police station.

Upon seeing the suspect, Hendrix informed the police that Pascual was among those who had deceived her during a business transaction at a money changer's shop in Ermita.

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Journalist records 'Critical Times' in book

By Winnie Pelayaguen
Contributor

IN CLOSE TO THREE DECADES OF recording the best and charting the worst events and commentaries on the day to day workings of government, the workings, politicians and mainly characters up-close and imposing them to news readers, it can be said that indeed veteran journalist Joel Paredes has been through circumstances.

And from the roller coasters ride that Paredes has taken through his most challenging periods of his life as a newsman, he focuses on nine years of the presidency of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and dissects those with scaled-like precision in "Critical Times," a collection of recent columns compiled in a 300-page book that will be launched at 3:0 a.m. on Tuesday at the UP Executive House at the UP Diliman campus in Quezon City.

The release of the book is welcomed in this country watches in anticipation the assumption into office of President-elect Benigno Aquino III.

AUTHOR Paredes (left) with artist-cartoonist Rico Rivera • Neil Dalusong

It tackles the legal, political, economic, and social repercussions of the Arroyo government, with incisive commentaries on the "Hello Garci" scandal that stained her re-election in 2004, the P728 million fertilizer scam, the RP 329 million WMA-ZTE deal, and other alleged anomalies that were "swept under the rug, scrambled or left beyond."

Paredes brings into the crafting of his pieces not just insights gleaned from recording what transpired daily but the gift of hindsight honed through years on the newsman's beat, as journalism teacher and from his eye-opening years in government as director general of the Philippine Information Agency, setting the facts on both sides of the fence...so to speak.

"The book is an effort to provide a permanent record, a well-rounded document of events that transpired not only in one sector but a complete picture of what happened during critical times to our country," Paredes said.

The author added that he hopes the book will help offset the absence of memory that is often related as a reason why we, as a people, keep repeating mistakes of the past.

"Just like the late American journalist Martha Gellhorn," Paredes said, "I believe writing is just like throwing small pebbles into a very large pond, and we have no way of knowing whether any pebble caused the slightest ripple. I don't need to worry about that. My responsibility was the other."

Jail guard's invention saves on power

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more a enough, four prisoners can register from to charge the battery. The device stops automatically once the battery is fully charged."

It would take around 100 to minutes to fully charge the battery in three hours, Mendiola said.

Each battery can hold up to eight hours worth of battery life and can power up to 20 light bulbs.

It can also power up an electric fan and four light bulbs at the same time.

Inspiration

The inspiration for the contraption came about after Bonita took an advance course at the Jail Bureau Training Institute, where he saw how a wind turbine could generate electricity.

"I thought, why not try it using a bike?" Bonita said.

He added that the idea was not new, but it had not been utilized in prisons organizations.

In a documentation at the Quezon City Jail, BJMP officials observed how the bike seat not only charge the battery but also directly provide

STATIONARY bike and power-saving device result for one invention can turn on light bulbs and host music for radio as well.

electricity to a water heater or two light bulbs.

Bills reduced

Subsequent tests that will have to find out how much electricity they can save.

"We still have to see its efforts on our electric bill. But hopefully, we can reduce the bill and help in the government's austerity efforts," the jail warden added.

SINCE THE [PHILIPPINE] ECONOMY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE JOBS, IT HAS NEVER CONCEIVED ANY ofshoot of labor trafficking.

— ID Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in a report on human trafficking worldwide

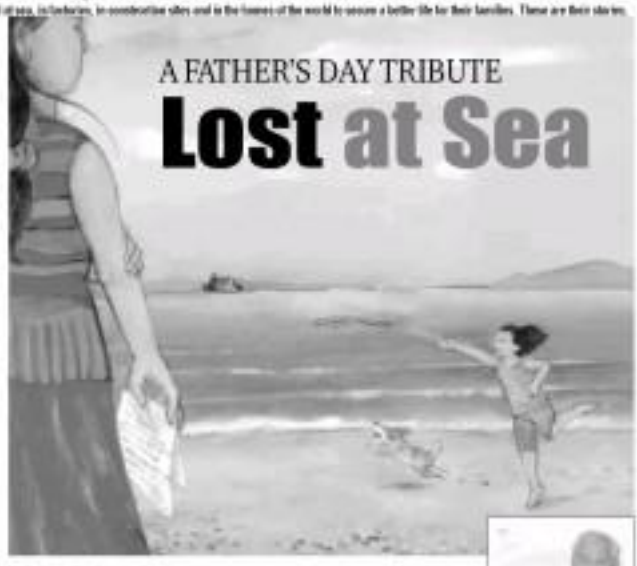
GLOBAL Pinoy

Editor Monica Feria

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

A FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

Lost at Sea



By Rastelle Candilas
Illustrated by Mario Bernadette Sabio-Phil

I RARELY REMEMBER my dad.

He left to sail when I was just two years old, perhaps too young to have a good memory of him.

The little I know of my dad comes from the numerous pictures he sent us from all over the world. I know I got my curly hair and shell chin from him, and that I'm not so dark-skinned to be.

There's a picture of my dad aboard his ship. Maybe it's his very first trip, because he looks so young. He is leaning over the railing, smiling down at the camera with that sun behind him and his coat flapping in the air.

Other pictures show him with his ship's gamut. He is holding his captain's hat, and everyone else is beaming, making silly double-up signs with their arms around each other's shoulders.

The rest are pictures of him with his crew.

There are also audio tapes, which Mom and I spend hours listening to over and over again. The dad I hardly saw has a rich deep voice that resonates around the house when he tells us one of the funny anecdotes about his ship, or his sailor jokes which never fail to crack Mom up.

But sometimes, my dad would just sigh deeply.

He would tell us how much he misses us and wishes he could go home right then and there to tuck me in bed and kiss Mom good night.

Ten years have passed. Dad still spends most of his time aboard the ship and only comes home occasionally.

My heart always beats very fast for Mom and me, especially with Dad. Sure, we've had our share of troubles, but we didn't bother telling Dad as it might only burden him at work.

Mom misses Dad so much; I can see it in her eyes.

But I also see her square her shoulders and turn away, trying hard not to let me see, saying every the last that it not even there yet.

Over the years, I have learned to live without my dad. I have learned to eat without him, sleep without him and grow up without him.

Life without Dad is the only life I know. It is as if I have him on deck to thank me.

One day, news came: Dad suffered a stroke. He is finally coming home to us.

But I am now 12 years old.

Reluctant as I am to leave Dad at home, I find that it's not like just looking at his pictures, or listening to his voice.

Making up for lost time, Dad never misses a chance to talk to me. About school, how my day went, even my crushes (if there's any).

Slowly, I get to know my dad.

Trying to make it easy, Mom organizes weekend trips for Dad and me.

We make the rounds of Dad's relatives whom he has not seen for a very long time.

"Thank you, Daddy!" is what they mostly say.

How weird these relatives are. I can't help myself.

Soon, I learn from blogs that Dad paid for his relatives' and sisters' college tuition. Any Sosas have just recently graduated while the others already have noble jobs. My heart swells with pride for my dad.

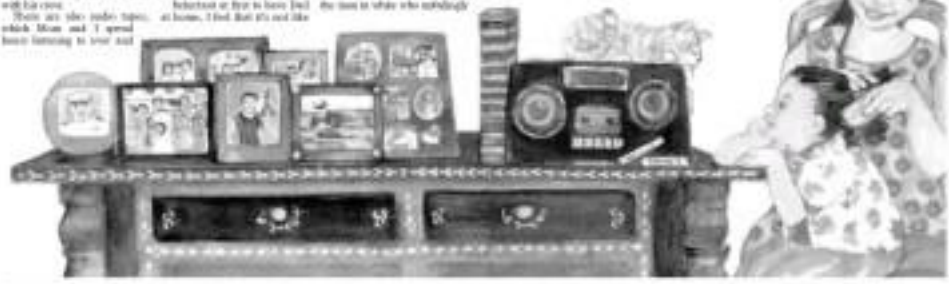
I realize only now how incomplete my image of Dad has been. The disembodied voice on tape, the man in white who unfailingly sends me birthday and Christmas gifts; the smiling young captain, his almond-shaped eyes twinkling with happiness at his good fortune.

I have forgotten the most important things. Dad still has his booming voice although it has become a bit husky. He still has his very-short-parade-sized hair cuddles.

But most of all, Dad has his golden heart and generous hand that reached so many lives.

Now I know. I never really lost my dad to the sea. Dad's heart has always been with us.

HER FATHER'S ON LIGHTER Marissa and her dad, Capt. Gregorio Ona, who followed in the footsteps of his sons Isidro, Pelix, a merchant ship captain



An OFW agenda for the next president

By Windsor Abuan

AFTER THREE DECADES of the labor export program, the incoming administration has to give common migrant workers and their families the attention that them, given their significant numbers and their huge contribution to the local economy.

Filipino migrants have been neglected during many of the country's past administrations. The new government must not find them again. It must address the critical problems and issues confronting the migrant sector.

The Center for Migrant Advocacy (CMA) articulates an agenda for the incoming government. Excerpts:

1. First is to divest from promoting the current labor export policy and to go back to the original intent of the program—that everyone migration is but a regulated stopgap approach to national economic problems. Government should take proactive measures to address the root causes of migrant emigration.

While the government continues to safeguard the right to work and travel of overseas migrant workers, decent jobs and livelihood opportunities should likewise be systematically generated and made available to those who would rather not leave their families behind but would want to provide them with a decent life.

2. Government should sufficiently assist those who opt to work abroad or are forced to take that option and provide the necessary systems to protect their rights before they leave, while they are working abroad and upon their return (e.g. protect them from both unscrupulous recruitment agencies and employers and unprincipled employees as well as from unprincipled bureaucrats).

Modern "heroes" may empty to the sort of migrant workers espoused day of their earnings through various charges, from the passport fee to the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) membership fee.

3. The education sector should take into account the preponderant emigration of the people and schools for jobs that are not there and produce qualified workers for the real deployed.

Related to unemployment and underemployment is the need to reorient our education and training policy towards not only technological courses but also non-formal education and training.

4. The rights of overseas migrant workers should be better promoted and protected by the new government, specifically by concerned labor and welfare agencies.

Overseas worker should be sufficiently informed about their rights and the situation they may confront through improved pre-employment, pre-departure and post-arrival orientation seminars.

5. OWWA should be revamped. The growth of OWWA funds has been accompanied by the blunting of its bureaucracy and the definition of its benefits and services.

OWWA Omnibus Policy should be subjected to review by Congress with the aim of liquidating its swamp and reorientation to better serve the needs of overseas Filipino workers. Given that it is a 100-percent migrant workers' fund, decision-making should be limited to the rights and welfare of its contributors and their families, including their sufficient representation to its Board of Directors.

6. The trade of overseas migration should be safeguarded and maximized by the migrant workers and their families for the sustainable development of both their communities and the national economy.

The new government should finally design and implement a genuine reintegration program. It should offer incentives for their return and their investment in the local economy.

7. The Overseas Absentee Voting Law should be amended to correct the disenfranchisement of many overseas Filipinos due to the weaknesses of the law. OFWs should have sufficient and representative to all government agencies pertaining to them.

Overseas migration can come should be minimized at the local government level. Pre-hired legislation, personnel, desks or programs would help realize this.

The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Quizon

Partner heaps all blame for spill disaster on BP

HOUSTON/SAN FRANCISCO—As BP PLC rushed to raise cash to pay for the Gulf of Mexico disaster, a partner in the out-of-control well said the British company was likely guilty of "willful misconduct" and should shoulder the financial burden for the worst US oil spill.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp, owner of a quarter of the well pushing into the Gulf, broke its near-silence on the spill in apparently its strongest—and frontal responsibility for claims—on BP.

"Frankly, we are shocked," Anadarko Chairman and CEO Jim Hackett said in a statement.

"BP's behavior and actions likely represent gross negligence or willful misconduct," he added, delaying his company's share up 2.2 percent to after-hours trading.

BP, which has survived a rough week answering to Congress for the spill, said it "strongly disagrees" with the assessment of gross negligence.

It is scrambling to line up resources to pay for a $20-billion damage claims fund demanded by President Barack Obama.

Banking sources told Reuters the British energy giant was seeking $5 billion to loan from each of seven banks, and CNN said it was hoping to raise $5 billion with a bond.

The financial outlook is far from clear. Moreover, after Anadarko's statement, credit rating agency Moody's cut BP's rating to junk level, citing potential liabilities from the spill, and earlier the day S and P's fitted notches its rating on BP debt, which is trading around junk levels.

As the crisis entered its 60th day, the US Coast Guard admiral leading the US government relief effort said BP had increased the amount of oil it was siphoning off from its blown-out deep-sea well to 25,000 barrels (1.07 million liters) on Thursday.

It was the largest pool of oil from the geyser yet collected by BP. On Wednesday, it siphoned off 15,000 barrels.

But putting that figure in context, Adm. Thad Allen said 35,000 barrels a day, and possibly as much as 60,000 barrels, were gushing from the well, which ruptured after an April 20 explosion on an offshore oil rig which killed 11 workers.

A device called a blowout preventer failed in the Gulf well, and the US Interior Department on Friday changed rules for new wells, requiring drillers to submit plans for stopping blowouts in deep water.

The Wall Street Journal reported late on Friday that BP's well used a cheaper technology than the industry standard and was less secure against outsized gas blowouts of the type that destroyed it. The newspaper's analysis found that BP used the cheaper technology much more frequently than rivals.

The spill—actually hundreds of thousands of small oil patches—has killed much of the US Gulf Coast's multibillion-dollar fishing industry and ravaged fragile ecological wetlands, marshes and wetlands despite the efforts of an army of workers to keep it at bay with oil-soaking booms.

Reuters

DIVORCED
The ex-wife of Brunei's Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, Azrinaz Mazlan Hakim, at the Sultan's 63rd birthday celebration in Bandar Seri Begawan on July 15, 2006. Sultan Bolkiah has divorced Azrinaz, a former Malaysian television personality whom he married in 2005, and stripped her of all royal titles, state information report verified on June 16. AFP/FILE

Philam Life's "The Power of We" and "The Power of Insurance" Campaigns

Empowering People to Achieve their Dreams

Philam Life, the country's largest and most trusted name in life insurance, accessible management, and investment, latest brand campaigns: "The Power of We" and "The Power of Insurance" are all about empowering Filipinos to achieve their dreams—from simple everyday things to going to college to owning a home to the purchase of their dream home and vacations abroad.

"The Power of We" campaign is designed to bring Filipinos the power to live the lives and stories of neighbors, agents, policyholders, business partners, and prospective customers. Philam Life believes in empowering Filipinos—the ordinary, extraordinary people who make up the diverse fabric of the people that form the nation. Working hand in hand to help customers achieve their dreams and aspirations in life, it connects the people who matter to them most, grow their finances, and secure their future.

The "Power of Insurance" campaign, on the other hand, aims to change the perception of insurance as something scary to purchase and introduce Philam Life to the broader market who are unaware of the role insurance plays in their lives and how it can help them achieve their dreams.

According to Philam Life President and CEO Yoshio Arai: "Through these campaigns, we want people to do something about their dreams. We want to show and remind them to support others, have an open mind, and be more open to change, to overcome the fears. They should see more and not be scared. Getting life insurance is not about the sales or how much it costs, but it is about helping, understanding, and being there for them. Philam Life is here to help you get insured, to start saving or investing. With Philam Life's help, there will be better financial stability in society."

The campaigns will debut beginning June 6 and will run for 12 more consecutive weeks through out the year.

1 million caught up in Kyrgyz violence, UN says

GENEVA—MORE THAN ONE million people have been affected by the violent conflict in Kyrgyzstan and need food and relief aid supplies, UN officials said on Friday.

They include some 400,000 people left homeless after fleeing ethnic clashes in the southern cities of Osh and Jalalabad that erupted a week ago. Some 300,000 are displaced within Kyrgyzstan while another 100,000 people have crossed over into Uzbekistan.

"For the moment, we estimate that our relief probably need to respond to the needs of more than one million people displaced people, refugees and people in host families who have been affected by the conflict," Christine Berthiaume, spokesperson of the UN Children's Fund (Unicef), told a news briefing.

"It is a pressing figure, it could change," she said.

A UN emergency funding appeal, to be issued later in the day in New York, is expected to seek more than $65 million to assist 1.1 million people in Kyrgyzstan for six months, according to UN sources. A separate appeal for Uzbekistan is planned soon.

The conflict has had "acute and pressing humanitarian consequences" in Kyrgyzstan, including on food, families who have taken in people driven from their homes, they said.

At least 191 people have been killed since June 10 in southern Kyrgyzstan in clashes between Uzbeks and Kyrgyz, but interim Kyrgyz leader Roza Otunbayeva told a Russian newspaper interview published on Friday the toll could be 10 times higher.

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The ship also boasts unique nightlife options with the first Spa Bar at sea and Spice H20 - with non-stop entertainment day and night. The dining choices are also something to look forward to. Norwegian Epic has 20 dining destinations, as well as 20 bars and lounges. Guests who want to test their luck can try their hand at the ship's glitzy casino.

Meanwhile, Passes in Norwegian Epic's Kid's Crew facility, where officers endeavor options for children to relax and interact. The kid's area includes a space-themed play area, an hockey table, an interactive light-up dance floor, Wii gaming areas, an arts and crafts area, along with a state-of-the-art surround-sound cinema. The Tween Zone has a fabulous beat that includes multiple Wii/XM and PlayStation® areas along with a private karaoke performance stage which doubles as a cinema.

Entertainge is Norwegian Epic's high energy, exclusive lavish area for ages 13 through 17. This funky space features a variety of games and nine large flat screen televisions. In the evening, Entourage transforms into a hip nightclub with a space for dancing or just hanging out. Directly below is the video arcade which features number of the most challenging and interactive video games.

The Norwegian Epic is the latest of many firsts of NCL. Together with Genting Hong Kong (GHK) formerly Star Cruises Ltd., it is the third largest cruise operator in the world. In the Philippines, GHK recently established the first integrated entertainment project, Resorts World Manila, with Alliance Global Group, Inc. The partnership is managed under the brand, Travellers International Hotel Group, Inc.

RWM is Asia's newest and most exciting destination. It is the first in the country to combine lodging brands with a casino and a luxury mall. It houses Marriott Hotel Manila, Maxims Hotel, and the upcoming Remington Hotel.

Iraqi kills father who translated for US

BAGHDAD—An Al-Qaida-linked insurgent shot and killed his son, father in the days in his bid for refusing to quit his job so an Iraqi interpreter for the US could marry, police said, a new deadly attack on a close family accused over allegations of collaborating with the enemy.

The attack happened on a public holiday Monday in Iraq, with at least 27 people killed nationwide in bombings and ambushes on Friday that largely targeted bosses of government officials, local security forces and those seen as allied with them.

Hameed al-Bayati, 58, worked as a translator and transfer for the US military for seven years before shortly after the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003.

He was shot on the chest at about 9 a.m. while sleeping in his house in Hawija, a former insurgent stronghold 99 km north of Baghdad, police in Kirkuk province said.

Authorities arrested the two and his cousin, saying the cousin, who operated with weapons, was trying to prove their loyalty after executing the insurgency. AP

White House to fight Arizona on immigration

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION has decided to file suit to strike down an Arizona law aimed at deporting illegal immigrants, thrusting itself into the fiercely contested debate over how the United States should enforce immigration policies.

The federal government only occasionally intervenes forcefully in a state's affairs, and it carries significant political risks. With immigration continuing to be a hot-button issue in political campaigns, the Arizona law, which grants local police greater authority to check the legal status of people they stop, has become a rallying cry for the Tea Party and other conservative groups.

The lawsuit, though widely anticipated, was confirmed by an unexpected source: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who answered a question about it from an Ecuadorean TV journalist in an interview on June 8 that most all but vanished until this week.

Noting that President Barack Obama had publicly objected to the law, Clinton said, "The Justice Department, under his direction, will be bringing a lawsuit against the act."

A spokesperson for the Justice Department said the matter was still under review, but other senior administration officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said a decision had indeed been made and only the details of the legal filing were still being worked out.

Three officials said several government agencies were being consulted over the best approach to block the statute, which, barring any successful legal challenges, takes effect July 29. NYT

WORLD BRIEFS

Suu Kyi turns 65 in confinement

YANGON—Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi marked her 65th birthday on Saturday locked in her dilapidated lakeside compound as calls for her freedom escalated from the world. President Barack Obama and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon demanded Suu Kyi's release as clandestine backers of cultists and ex-junta kingpins grew. Supporters at home threw a birthday party at the suburban Rangoon home of a fellow opposition member. It was attended by more than 3,000 people but not the guest of honor. Suu Kyi has now spent 15 birthdays in detention over the past 20 years, mostly under house arrest. She is the world's only imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize winner. AP

Nobel-winning novelist Saramago dead at 87

MADRID—Nobel literature laureate José Saramago, who left his native Portugal in a dispute with his country's government, died on Friday on the Spanish Canary Island of Lanzarote aged 87, his foundation said. The author became famous for his allegorical novels suffused with magic fables after a long literary and more "conventional" but fiercely witty "Baltasar and Blimunda," about a country whose population loses its sight, and found fame while he was in his 60s and he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1998.

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ALEX Cabagnot of Sow Miguel Beer (left) leaps in the air to grab the loose ball as Rain or Shine's Gabe Norwood prepares to retreat back on defense during their game Friday night. The Elasto Painters defeated the Kings Painters, 99-94, to end a three-game slide. LYNDON ARA

Huey, Zalameda also joining Wimby

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THERE COULD BE AS MANY AS four Filipino players seeing action in Wimbledon next week.

Southeast Asian Games gold medalists Treat Conrad Huey and Ruben Zalameda both made it through the main draw with their respective partners in the men's and ladies' doubles competitions wherein they're seeded.

Huey teamed up with fellow University of Virginia student Sriraam Balasubramanian of India to rule the qualifying event in Roehampton, England, last Friday by stunning top seeds Tomasz Bednarek and Mateusz Kowalczyk of Poland, 7-6 (10/8), 7-5, in the final.

They will play in the first round against India's Rohan Bopanna and Pakistan's Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi.

Zalameda, however, will be playing as an amateur entry as the partners with Melanie Oudin also of the United States.

Jesse Pahumbon and Francis Casey Alcantara are also expected to make it straight to the main draw, according to Philippine Lawn Tennis Association vice president Randy Villanueva.

Alaska battles SLR; Kings face Express

By Manny Castillo

ALASKA TRIES TO EVEN IN THE RUNNING for an outright Final Four seat when the Aces clash with the Air Zaire Rockies today in the PBA Fiesta Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

Coach Tim Cone hopes to win the match-up at 4 p.m. and keep Alaska's slim chance of nabbing the No. 2 semifinal slot behind early semifinalist Talk N Text.

At 3-6, Alaska has two games left and can catch San Miguel at No. 2 in the event that the SLR Boosters drop their last game and Derby Ace, which was trailing Talk N Text in procedure, wins just one of its last three.

"I've always said that funny things can happen in the PBA," Cone told reporters.

"But, right now, I am hoping for the miracle."

Alaska is already in the quarterfinals like

crowd-darling Barangay Ginebra, which will collide with Air21 in the 6:30 p.m. game.

A win will put the Gin Kings (9-5) out of reach of the Coca-Cola Tigers and the Sta. Lucia Realty Bolts for the last semifinals spot behind Talk N Text and the Texters. Petron, both at 7-5, have two games remaining.

Sta. Lucia is fresh from snapping a six-game losing streak just two nights ago, the Realtors' first win since recalling Jeffy Williams and Pyro Hayes to Talk N Text.

RP booters take UFL All-Star game

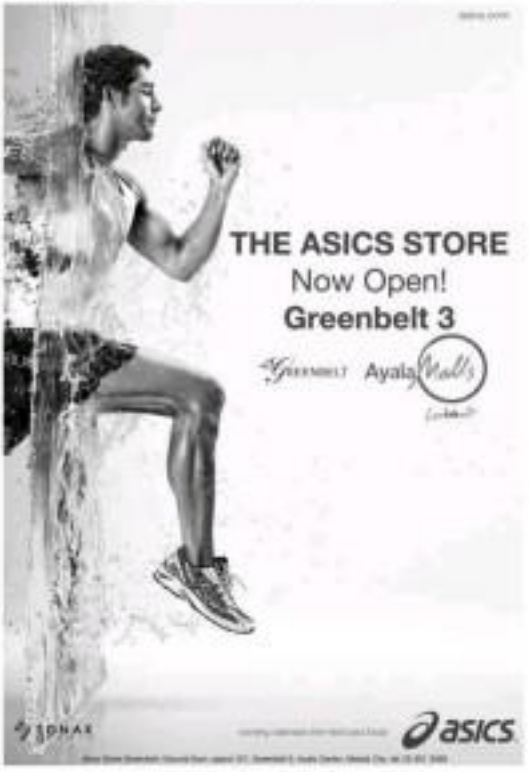
By Cedrik Tejon

THE PHILIPPINE ALL STARS HACKED OUT a thrilling 4-3 victory over their foreign counterparts Friday night in the United Football League all-star game at the No. south pitch in Binondo (see C2).

Ranged against the finest foreign talents in the fledgling league, the Filipinos didn't flinch, getting a goal each from Ian Araneta, Emelio Caligdong, Paul Genzo and Mardin Diyokno to take the showcase event.

Boosters struck in the seventh minute as the Filipinos, with Aly Borromeo pulling the strings at midfield, established a pattern of dominance early on.

Indonesia striker Ursinho El-Rohbih struck a backpost unchallenged header equalizer in the 14th minute but goals from Genzo and Araneta restored order for the Filipinos.



Scoreless draw pushes England near the brink

US rallies, salvages 2-2 result

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA—ALGERIA held England to a 0-0 draw Friday and left one of the World Cup favorites on the brink of elimination with one game to go in the first round.

With a calloused Wayne Rooney ecumbent for a seventh straight match, England lacked sweet and trajectory, struggling throughout against an opponent fighting to avoid becoming the first to be eliminated from the World Cup.

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Algeria, fighting for World Cup survival, never dug in defensively like so many underdogs but took the game to England and looked good during the first half and good enough afterward.

And on a day when Serbia already upset Germany 1-0 and tiny Slovenia continued the United States 2-2, Algeria produced a measure of its own.

It took more than a half hour for England to get a shot on goal, as Frank Lampard and Rooney proved to be an ineffective duo.

Midfield Bradley and Landon Donovan scored in the second half as the United States denied the Slovenes a win that would have made them the first team to advance to the knockout round.

A third American goal was disallowed for an apparent foul.

"This team will understands how to fight for 90 minutes," said United States coach Bob Bradley, Michael's father.

Valter Birsa scored in the 13th minute and Zlatan Ljubijankic doubled the lead for Slovenia in the 62nd.

ENGLAND's Wayne Rooney (left) takes on muscle to win past Algeria's Anthar Yahia during their World Cup Group C match at Green Point Stadium in Cape Town, South Africa on Friday. AP

Jackson staying with Lakers?

LOS ANGELES— THE TWO-TIME NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers' mind-numbing 2010 season is over. The 64-year-old former head coach has been linked, from artificial hips and more choice-provoking than any coach in NBA history.

When Phil Jackson reveals his plans for the future next week, presumably sometime after the Lakers parade down Figueroa Street on Monday, the 11-time championship can get to work on the smaller details of their upcoming run at a "three-peat."

"I've been purely frustrated now much I want him back," said Kobe Bryant, adding the only decision to stay for at least another year. AP

Paguican powers into joint lead at Queen's Cup

PATTAYA, THAILAND—PAGUICAN'S 3 4 chance at gaining revenge over The Thai next Project Monkeyning after a one-counter third round at the Queen's Cup game city in Thailand.

Paguican birdied three of his last five holes at the Siamfleet Swing Country Club for a two-under par 70 for and the day tied atop the leaderboard with Qatar underdog Mohammed Project, who stumbled with a costly triple bogey seven en route to 71.

Chinese Taipei's Lien Li-yang, Japanese duo Tetsuji Hiratsuka and Kenichi Kuboya and Korean Thaworn Wiratchant and Chapchai Nirat are a shot back of the leaders. Agence France-Presse

Fernando conquers Indian Amateur golf field

IMUS, CAVITE—Fernando claimed the 2010 Indian Amateur golf championship after firing a 1-under par 70 for the final round and a 54-hole total of 2-under par 214 at the Imus Golf Club on Saturday.

Fernando, who graduated from the University of the Philippines in 2009 with a degree in Mass Communication, finished one stroke ahead of Indian Amateur champion Jerome Ng and Singaporean Ian Poh, who both shot 71s in the final round.

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Isuzu Philippines Corp. recently partnered with Freego Jeans for its Isuzu Challenge campaign. Isuzu Challenge is the flagship project under Isuzu Diesel Mission Partners for Isuzu Challenge. L-R Freego's Marketing Services Manager Alpha Abaniel, Isuzu Philippines Corp.'s Asst. Division Manager for Sales Marie Gonzales and Freego Brand Manager Jon Espana

Isuzu and Freego tie up for Isuzu Challenge 2010

Two of the most respected brands have recently tied up for this year's most exciting promotional activity, Isuzu Challenge.

Isuzu, the world's trusted name in diesel engine technology, partnered with Freego Jeans, the country's leading apparel brand, for the 2010 Isuzu Challenge which puts to the test three of Isuzu's most popular vehicles—N'Series, Crosswind and D-Max.

"We are happy to be part of this campaign as Freego, much like Isuzu, prides itself in being a brand that is known for its commitment to its customers," said Alpha Abaniga, Freego's Marketing Services Manager.

Myrna Gonzales, Isuzu Philippines Corp.'s Assistant Division Manager for Sales, added, "We see this as a truly great partnership as both Isuzu and Freego share a lot of brand ideals. Both are proudly locally-made, durable, hardworking yet trendy and fashionable. Isuzu and Freego both offer value for money."

Isuzu Challenge serves as the flagship project under Isuzu's umbrella campaign this year. Isuzu Diesel Mission (IDM). Isuzu Challenge, which falls under IDM's Farthest Mission and is now on its eighth year, has been made more exciting with an interactive twist.

"This time," Gonzales revealed, "we're taking it a notch higher by making it interactive. The general public can now join in on the fun by guessing how far a full tank of diesel fuel can take our featured Isuzu vehicle as it traverses a specially designed North Luzon route. The winner stands to take home the same model of the featured vehicle. And of course, Freego products."

Those interested must log on to www.isuzuchallengemission.com.ph. There are three legs to the Isuzu Challenge: N'Series, from March 1 to May 28; Crosswind, from April 1 to July 15; and D-Max, August 1 to October 15.

PHIL Mickelson fixes up his pitch on the 14th green during the second round of the US Open Golf Championship. AFP

Mickelson solves Pebble puzzle, climbs to second

PEBBLE BEACH, CALIFORNIA—PHIL Mickelson shot a 5-under par 66 at Pebble Beach Friday to climb within two shots of the lead at the half-way point of the US Open and give himself a chance to finally win something more than silver.

Mickelson beat the cream field on a major for the first time in his career—a tournament he's—as par come life into the US Open and give the gallery what it had been aiming the first day when he shot a dreadful 75.

One day after he failed to make a single birdie, he made six at Pebble. It wasn't enough to catch Ernie McDowell of North Ireland, who set the early pace with a 3-under 68 to take a two-shot lead into the weekend.

All that mattered to Mickelson, however, was getting back in contention.

"I'm in a good spot," said Mickelson, whose five runner-up finishes in a US Open record. "I don't look at the leaderboard. I don't look at other players. I look at par. If you can stay around par you're going to be in the tournament Sunday. That was kind of the goal."

Mickelson finished with seven strong pars and two at 1-under 141, joining a rwisking group of five players who have known previous Sunday at Pebble Beach. Also included behind were two-time US Open champion Retief Goosen (71) and Australian Jason Day (70), who has won the last two times in the Pebble Beach Missouri Invitation and looks right at home in such linnes conditions.

Mickelson, on off the blocks in his first eight holes. The blazing start it ended on the par-4 eighth with a 15-foot-40-footer that came just before a close call on the 6th hole when he pitched close to the edge of a 30-foot cliff, setting up a swing he hit over the rocks to 15 feet and another big save.

Tiger Woods believes he's still in the mix, too, although a probationary round of 1-over 72 left him seven shots behind. Woods has never won a major when trailing by more than six shots going into the weekend.

Asked if he liked his position, Woods replied, "Absolutely."

McDowell was among the only players when the greens were in the best shape and the sun was cool and calm. McDowell holed a 15-foot birdie putt on the 14th and pulled ahead with sweet shots into the fourth hole and the par-5 ninth. AP

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Bulls, Dolphins forge duel for semis bonus

By Mac Anthony Reyes

CLEANUP hitter Ted Moran smashed a three-run single to cap a three-run rally in the eighth inning that lifted Batangas over hard-fighting Alabang, 12-9, yesterday and assured the Bulls a semifinal seat in the Dunkin' Donuts Baseball Philippines league 6 at the Rizal Memorial Baseball Field in Taguig City.

Moran connected for the third time in four trips to the plate to scatter Jeanne Jeanin and Teddy Landicho as the Bulls finally turned the Tigers, who erupted for five runs in the fifth and tied it at 9-9 with another run in the seventh.

Batangas, which also produced a three-run home run courtesy of Justin Dakitis in the sixth, actually forged a six for the lead with its third win in four games while Cebu later marched all over a 12-4 victory over Olongapo.

The Bulls and the Cebu Dolphins tangle at 1 p.m. today with the winner claiming a twice-to-beat bonus in the semifinals.

Ally Manila, also with a 3-1 record, likes to sustain the other incentive in the semifinal when it takes on Bataan (Jerapan Cl) 4 p.m. first at 9 a.m.

"It's a disappointing win for us," said Batangas manager Randy Dizon. "They were all out relaxed. They thought it was going to be an easy game for us."

Dizon said he had to scold his players so put them on their toes, but "It was only when Alabang started hitting that they decided to step up."

Host Laoag reserved for Alabang, going a perfect 4-for-4 including a two-run double in the five-run fifth that booted the Tigers in an 8-6 lead.

The Bulls regained the lead on Landicho's homer in the sixth, 9-8, but Landicho also supplied the upper cut with an RBI single, 9-all.

Cebu had an easy time against Olongapo, taking an early 5-2 lead and stretching this to 11-4 with a six-run explosion in the seventh inning.

The scores	
ALABANG (Jeanne Jeanin 4) vs	
BATANGAS (Landicho 2)	9
CEBU (Dakitis 2)	12
OLONGAPO (Ferrer 2)	4

How time flies for PBA stars

IN HUDDLE

Barbi Cirilo

BITTER LAST SEASON WAS WITH TWO good-looking ladies when I recently bumped into last as a coffee shop outside the Araneta Coliseum.

I was happy to see her. Although we move in the same circle, our paths very seldom cross and it sometimes takes years before we get to see each other.

I had known Bataluk when she was still Bataluk Kaye and was working for Bebang Velez's Vintage Promotions.

We worked together in a segment within the television coverage of the PBA games. She was the producer/director of the talk feature, while I was the scriptwriter and on-cam talent.

On the other hand, Jojo Lastimosa, whom she would later wed, had been an acquaintance of longer standing, dating back to his Distiller days in the PBA, where he played with Bobby Lim.

I was in their garden wedding when Jojo and Bataluk decided to tie the knot in the '80s. Bataluk soon quit her job at Vintage and concentrated on raising a family.

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I was surprised when Bataluk pointed to one of the ladies with her.

"That's CJ—and that's her younger sister," she said. I recognized Jessie's features in both. The last time I saw the Lastimosas' eldest child, she was just a young girl who loved to collect Barbie dolls. Now she's 21 and all grown up, towering over her petite mother at 5-foot-9.

Bataluk said CJ has graduated from college and is now a practicing teacher.

"Jessie and Aljamere Bhagwani—Bunnie Bhagwani's eldest child, both in the same school," Bataluk said.

At this point three attractive ladies walk into the coffee shop, catching our attention.

It was Michelle Cuttle and her two daughters. If you didn't know them, there'll pass as sisters since Michelle looks young for her age, thanks to the heavy spend inside the fashionista court.

Michelle and Allan Cuttle's eldest daughter was about the same age as CJ and Jessie just as tall.

Bataluk smiled. Like her and Jojo, Bunnie and Bing Bhagwani, Allan and Michelle's children were all girls.

The fact that time had flown as fast was further underscored when I learned that the only daughter of fellow sports columnist Dolores Hosaka and Nelly Mendoza had recently gotten married.

That was really a bit mind-boggling. My last image of her was that of a cute, chubby little girl.

"Was it that long ago?" I couldn't help but feel Dolores. This sounds like a movie title, but it seemed like only yesterday that Cristina was born and Dolores just couldn't stop raving about her.

Now she's married and to that time will have a child of her own.

"How old is Cristina now?" I asked Quintos.

"27. We're all getting old," he replied.

Hosaka exchanged "I do's" with Mark Bjelkaas at The Great Parish Church in Alabang. Among the principal sponsors were Ambassador Sandhu Cojuangco and wife Gretchen, and former PBA commissioner/owner Rodrigo Salud.

PBL-LIGA 2ND LEG

MisOr ousts Pacman Gensan

REBEL SIBIA AND DINO DAS PUshed an early rally as Misamis Oriental crushed past Pacman Gensan, 79-73, to clinch the remaining Finals berth in the Tournament of the Philippines' second leg late last Friday at the Lapu-Lapu gym in General Santos City.

Miss pumped in 22 points for the Metrons, who wrapped up their elimination round with eight-ball Bradley Gonzales 2-1.

Das finished just a rebound shy of a double-double with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Cebbie had a chance to score plus a three-point conversion, but the Tourism Logistics tallboys narrowed the lossmore with an 84-83 shot.

Wesmir Eddy Bonifacio found a home-bound replete to fill the Stallion to their first victory in three outings.

Misamis Oriental and Cebbie battled at three-time last night for the championship of the tournament, just 3s organized by the PBL and Lipa Philippines.

Miss also established five-steak and three scores, while Mark Montes helped stretch the Division' lead by as many as 10 points, 71-61, before the sibling with 10 markers, six assists and four steals.

Boxing's quest for pound King Manny Pacquiao, also Pacman Gen, can't playing team owner, arrived late to finish somehow for the first time in three games.

Pacquiao suited up for the Warriors (1-2) the entire third quarter and had one shot blocked by MisOr's 6-foot-7 Mark Andaya.

Jeanette M. Ripio

Pascua stumbles out of lead pack

SPORTSWATCH

Ford Focus-TRS eyes 6 titles

CHENNAI, INDIA—FILIPINO MANSAN MASIDA lost his unbeaten record past Rupali Rollin the fourth round Friday, tumbling out of the lead pack in the 2010 Asian Junior boys and girls championships at the Vijay Park and Business Hotel.

Pascua absorbed his first setback after two wins and one draw and dropped to a share of 16th to 30th place in the 14-player field with 2.4 points.

THE FORD FOCUS-TRS RACING TEAM LOOKS forward to another frustrating weekend with its eyes on its team competing for titles today in the third leg of 2010 Philippine GT Championship at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas.

The team, which is leading the 125 division on board the 1.8-liter Focus cars, is composed of drivers Bobby Henriquez, Bobby Henriquez, Bing Dizon, Ted Kalaw and Jose Pedgate.

Collecting Fever hits the Philippines with Coca-Cola and McDonald's FIFA Contour Glasses

Some people collect art. Some accumulate limited-edition toys and comics. A few surround themselves with vintage cars. Most girls like to buy plenty of pretty shoes. The point is that different people collect things based on what they like.

Although, there is one thing that everyone collects, no matter who they are or what they do—the limited edition Coca-Cola and McDonald's Contour Glasses. Start participating in the Coca-Cola and McDonald's FIFA World Cup-themed Contour Glass Promo. For only P25 with every McDonald's Value Meal together with a Coca-Cola beverage, you can get one of the six differently-colored and designed glasses.

You can avail of the glasses from all McDonald's stores nationwide using any which way you like: dine-in, take-out, drive-thru or delivery from McDonald's. This means whether you're having lunch with officemates, grabbing a snack while on the road or calling in (or ordering online) some dinner, you can get your Contour Glass.

As if the in-store countdowns for the promo start weren't enough, online ads on Yahoo and Facebook are also available for you to feel the Contour Glass excitement.

The Glass Craze

For three years now, veteran collectors and newbies alike have been trooping to stores to snag these cool and hip Coca-Cola and McDonald's Contour Glasses. It's not just the attractive colors that people like; it's the thrill of getting something unique. It's the enjoyment of having your favorite McDonald's meal coupled with the sleek Contour Glass, which is perfect for gulping down any Coca-Cola beverage – with plenty of ice of course.

This new phenomenon has been known to drive people in droves to get the glasses, sometimes within the span of one day. Friends even make it a competition amongst themselves on who can collect all the glasses first.

A new breed of glass aficionados have indeed been born from this promo. Examples of the past Contour Glasses released have been the Olympics-themed glasses from 2008, and the introduction of the colored Contour Glasses in 2009. The promo duration is usually set for two weeks but some stores have been known to run out of stocks because of the great demand for the Contour Glasses.

Collect and Be One with the World

If you aren't one of those awaiting this yearly promo, now's the time to get in on the action. This year is especially more exciting because it comes in celebration of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, to be held beginning June 11 in South Africa. This event comes only once in four years, and gathers the best soccer players in the world. Each Contour Glass comes engraved with the official 2010 FIFA World Cup Football Figures: bicycle kick, header, kick, save, volley and strike. With each Contour Glass comes soccer education. Now that's a great deal.

But even if you don't know these moves and don't really play soccer – or are even into team sports, this promo can help you be part of the massive global phenomenon that is FIFA. It may be about soccer, but the event transcends more than sports and symbolizes the coming together of different races and religions for fun, camaraderie and peace. The team from Greece can meet the one from South Korea, Australia with Serbia and many more. If David Beckham can enjoy it while not being there, so can you!

So even if all you've ever played is kanto kick-ball, you can savor the experience of being a part of this worldwide tournament with the Coca-Cola and McDonald's FIFA Contour Glasses.

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Mayol stakes WBC flyweight crown vs Niño today

By Roy Luanco

IT WILL BE A GRUDGE REMATCH when Filipino Rodel Mayol makes his World Boxing Council flyweight championship against Mexican Omar Niño today in San Juan del Rio, Queretaro, Mexico.

The two fighters figured in a controversial technical draw the first time they fought for the same title on Feb. 27 also in Mexico. That time, Niño let Mayol rush a couple of low blows and, before the referee could intervene, administered a left hook that knocked out the Filipino in the third round.

Both boxers weighed in at 112 pounds and will try to settle the score with the 29-year-old Mayol confident that he can beat Niño, 31, cleanly to improve his 28-4-2 card and maybe even add to his 24 knockouts.

Toting a 24-2-2 slate spiked with 11 knockouts, Niño, who's serving story as jude to Mayol at 1-foot-3, said he's also going to try to end the fight early on by living the stone-cold Mexico to style.

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Sunday BIZ

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Bringing that old pine scent back to Baguio

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

BAGUIO CITY—Summer visitors infused with nostalgia complain not only of the lost scent of pine but of the sight and stench of garbage in many parts of the city.

Originally envisioned for a population of 25,000 in 1909, Baguio now supports 300,000, less (such of that number translates to how many tons of garbage and how to deal with garbage without always dumping them to a landfill, whether in Stone of in Capas, Tarlac—after it let the cover-off crop of City Hall officials to figure out and do something about.

Not waiting for City Hall's cue anymore, then Irisangan (Bakakeng Central, Dontogan and Bakakeo) are showing the way in a once-and-future Baguio through proper waste management. Since July 2008, they've adopted a materials recovery facility (MRF) scheme and product is cheap organic compost fertilizer that preserves the soil's health and yields greener veggies and sweeter strawberries.

Sixty-six families, and counting, value are part of the Baguio Solid Waste Management Cluster 1, Multi-Purpose Cooperative, headed by Imelda Imlayao, runs from the side of bags of fertilizer while working to lessen the volume of garbage in the city and providing countless solution to the garbage problem.

Cecilia Jimenez, an environmental science graduate of the Ateneo Ecija University of Science and Technology with a major in pollution and waste management, says, "When we didn't have the dense facility, the mixed garbage was dirty and stinky. Many residents couldn't compost even if they wanted to. We didn't have the space."

Her experience in Cabanatuan City when she was hired by Luzon Asia Pacific Corp. taught her that people can learn how to segregate, how to recycle, plastics especially, through an information campaign. An MRF with a capacity to process segregated garbage of 80 barangays was put in place there. The byproducts of biodiesel blender go to communities that need them.

Before the 6th Galactanon for Baguio others did it detailed, the MRF there gave jobs to 60 people, women and men who sorted, baled, processed compost and set sales everywhere.

Alicia Dizon, Bakakeng Central's organic barangay, was up to the challenge of running an MRF as a test project when a former Baguio councilor asked

WOMEN handle shovels and spinach, feeding kitchen waste into a hammer mill machine.

CECILIA Jimenez, advocate of zero-waste management, smiles on the job.

'Helping Baguio manage its waste is a tough act to sustain... Would that those concerned take notice'

who wanted to try it. The MRF was then owned by Leandro Binamira and installed at the former of Plant Industry in Guisad. Other barangays helped set it up originally at the covered basketball court of Bakakeng Central.

The MRF is made up of two rotary composter drums with a capacity of 2,000 liters (biodairy composting) and a hammer mill shredder.

The first batch of Happy Soil granite powder came from Rolando Mangilin who heads Luzon Asia Shell's Corp. He visited Baguio to teach the first MRF workers how to run and maintain the machine and lessen, if not eliminate, the odor. In 2009, he brought in a new MRF model complete with rotary composter drum that reduces composting to one day a batch and with shredder, a rotary screener among others.

Once biodegradable waste like coconut husks, cooking fruits and vegetables go through the shredder, they are moved to the screener to remove any plastic residue until the final product is fine organic compost.

Dizon says a benefit that coop members get is "free organic compost fertilizer that they can use in the barangay garden. This way, they promote the product and show the effect of organic fertilizer on their plants. Other farmers, gardeners and plant enthusiasts will have an idea on how it works. Coop members have 10 percent discount on every sack they buy, but when they buy more than 10 sacks, we give it at a discounted P1,000 a sack."

The coop's clients are mostly farmers from Baguio and nearby municipalities who buy the compost and mix it with chicken dung before applying on the soil. They own a lot because compost is cheaper than commercial chemical fertilizer.

Satisfied customers of the compost fertilizer are the best testimonies that a garbage problem may not be that, after all.

According to Dizon and Bautista, the CEO Orchidarium and Arbo Bee Management Corporation were happy with the results from the use of the organic compost fertilizer produced by the MRF. Their plants became robust, revitalized, the soil healthier and hosting more fruits. John Hay's office of appreciation encouraged the cooperatives to go on.

The composter at the MRF, now located at a Crystal Cave compound, is obvious. Binamira reveals and more mornings pitch in to raise additional income (apart from their monthly honoraria. Some out of school youth raise their allowance and enjoy a free lunch and snack by working at the MRF.

Bautista says, "For high school students and teachers of Baguio City National High School and Rizal Annex, the MRF showcases how the biodegradable waste turns into organic fertilizer. They see it can be done in their own community and houses."

Another source of fulfillment came when her university asked what the said 34 other environmental science graduates were doing. The survey showed the one among 30 applying what they had learned. The others settled for marriage, office or factory jobs unrelated to their major while the rest sought work abroad.

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Cross-examining credibility

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell

IN A CRIMINAL TRIAL, THE [illegible] on the credibility of the witnesses called upon by the prosecution and the defense. Throughout the trial, jurors sometimes each person who takes the stand, attempting to discern whether or not their words can be trusted. At they decide the case, jurors weigh heavily the statement given by believable witnesses, but they discard the testimony of anyone they deem to be incredible.

As a leader, you're on the witness stand. Those you lead are like jurors, inspecting your behavior and discerning your words. They expect you to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. If you lose your credibility with them, they will tune out when you speak. However, if you prove yourself to be credible then they will hang on every word you say.

Your credibility as a leader rests upon three pillars:

Reliability

First and foremost, reliability. Any contradictions or inconsistencies severely damage the credibility of the witness.

In a leadership context, your followers are asking, "Do I trust you?" and testing to determine whether or not you're credible. They are judging the values you profess are consistent with your behavior rather than on exception to how you live. They want to know that you're going to do what you promise and consistently over time.

Competence

Jurors must question whether or not a witness is competent to give testimony. For eyewitnesses, perspective is key. Did they have an unobstructed view of the incident? Were they close enough for the facts they saw? If an eyewitness is found to have had a poor vantage point then the credibility of their story weakens.

Sometimes, during a case, a specialist takes the stand to testify. A forensics expert may be called upon to comment on crime scene evidence, or a psychologist may be summoned to assess the fitness of the defendant to stand trial. In these instances, jurors look at the credentials of the so-called expert to decide how much weight they will give to his or her testimony.

When evaluating you as a leader, your followers are wondering: "Are you fully [illegible]?" They're appraising your competence to determine whether or not you have a clear view of where you want to go and if you know how to get there. People naturally follow leaders stronger than themselves. They have to respect your decision-making ability and confidence before they will lend you their support.

Motive

A discreet juror examines the motives of witnesses, considering what they stand to gain or lose based upon the verdict. In particular, the jury must take into account financial motivations that are tempting to the witness when it weighs the credibility of a witness. Given what's at stake, people who testify may be tempted to embellish the facts to gain personal advantage.

Objectivity is the core issue juries respect in motives. Jurors must remember that witnesses, depending on their connection to the parties in the case, may not be impartial. When forming their opinions, the jury has to screen out the biases of those who give testimony.

Subconsciously people continual ly are taking their leaders' "Do you care for me?" If they sense that a leader is motivated by self-advancement, then they will withhold maximum effort. However, if they sense the leader has their best interests in mind, followers will give everything within them to support the team.

Summary

Credibility takes time to build, and there are no shortcuts to developing it. Leaders gain the trust of others by proving their reliability, demonstrating competence, and authentically expressing concern for the interests of those they lead. At the end of the day, the best proof of your credibility comes when those who say the closest to you and know you the best, love and respect you the most."

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In CSR expo, firms get chance to do what's right

By Rue T. Dizon-Ano

FIVE YEARS AGO, WHEN CORporate social responsibility (CSR) had not yet become a buzz word, only a few large companies in the country had foundations and supported volunteerism among their employees.

Today, most corporations, whether Filipino or foreign-owned, have a CSR program ranging from granting educational scholarships to sending employees to a city's work of building houses and running international symbols about environmental clean-up.

With the completion of the country's first-ever computerized elections and the coming to power of powers to a new set of national and local leaders, many businesses see these events as an ideal time for CSR to support national development.

This is because the elections have sparked a sense of hope for the country, a sense that the "peace time" after the recent financial crisis and natural calamities, says Edgardo C. Antolad, chair of the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) and president of the United Coconut Planters Bank-Coconut Industry Investment Fund Foundation.

Mindful of the country's optimistic outlook, the LCF has adopted the theme "Strength-ing for Change" for its month-ng mid-CSR Expo.

"The recently concluded elections represent a remarkable opportunity for the Filipino people to set aside political colors and work together towards nation-building our nation," says Antolad, who leads the LCF CSR Expo 2010, at the press launch held at Glorietta Mall in Makati City.

To be held on July 14 and 15, 2010 at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City, the LCF's ninth CSR Expo provides a platform for the business community, government, and other sectors to redefine relationships, discuss common agenda and to position Filipino in the global market. It will be a venue where each stakeholder can make a significant and lasting impact.

"The LCF and its members have long been involved in supporting our nation's sustainable development. Through meaningful partnerships efforts in the areas of education, environment, arts and culture, health and emergency development. This year we hope to engage other sectors even more in an effort to make sure our contributions remain dynamic and relevant," Antolad says.

Antolad recalls that back in 2005, the LCF started its annual CSR Expo with only a handful of corporate foundations and organizations.

The league now has a membership of more than 70 corporate foundations and corporations advocating for genuine CSR.

Antolad admits that the recent financial crisis somewhat dampened the CSR spirit as business leaders struggled to keep their own businesses afloat and their employees secure. It became a challenge for the LCF to revive and get together a CSR Expo in 2009, he says.

"But the years of adversity humbled leaders about CSR have built good momentum, and with the world coming out of the recent financial crisis, it smells as having a more genuine mood. I think we will see more CSR work among big and small businesses alike," Antolad says.

During the LCF CSR Expo, delegates will learn about various models for collaboration and competition among the public and private sectors and have the opportunity to network and converse with business leaders, government representatives and development organizations from here and abroad. The two-day conference delegates will feature plenary sessions on The Journey to Sustainability, The Business Response to Poverty Building on Commitment, Values, and Public-Private Partnerships.

Breakout and special interest sessions will discuss issues and initiatives on Climate Change, Education, Arts and Culture, Health and Enterprise Development, as well as Global Standards on CSR, CSR and Social Media, and Measuring Impact.

The LCF CSR Expo also features an exhibition of booths over 70 organizations involved in CSR and a parallel CSR 101 learning series that will be offered for free to students and teachers.

To further promote CSR and the LCF CSR Expo, the LCF has put up a 3-day photo and poster exhibit at the ground level of Glorietta 5. The exhibit features photos of CSR in action and selected products that were a result of business and community partnerships.

"We actually want to encourage more SMEs (small and medium enterprises) to do CSR work. They comprise a huge portion of our economy and if more of their employees volunteer for CSR work, they can really make a difference," Antolad says.

FORLORN Quiambao and her associates in Urbia Realty & Development own and manage the condominium projects in Cubao.

Nightmare turns beauty queen into a savvy real estate trader

IF THERE IS ONE BUSINESS THAT WILL always flourish, it is real estate. There will always be people who will want a roof over their heads.

And when there are boom times, there will always be busts.

Realty queen and movie-television personality Miriam Quiambao has gone on to be the real estate business, initially as a lessee and then as investor-developer.

How did she start in the real estate business? Miriam says she was introduced to her friend "Auch Diaz," by Rebecca Rimando, who she learned about the benefits of investing and the concept of passive income.

"Real estate is one investment vehicle where someone invited me to co-invest in foreclosed properties which started my interest in investments," she adds.

Before that, Miriam loudly bore negative connotations about the business. She was just a passive investor in some foreclosed properties. But in 2007, she and her group of investors still were in a position to see industry trends.

"Being the biggest investors, I felt I had to expose the power and present myself to the banks to take over the properties. We were able to receive some entitlements, but we may had enough knowledge to manage them. I had visits time to my hands and I eventually earned to follow Institute of Estate to educate me," she says.

Urbia Institute is a real estate developer whose other advocacy is to develop a new generation of professional and socially responsible real estate brokers, investors and developers.

According to Miriam, Urbia Institute has

MIRIAM and her prospective labor a break during an inspection of a dilapidated townhouse in Barangka City part of their core activity in the Build & Sell Pioneering course to attain business

Chocolate acquires distinct Bicol taste to it

RACHELLE T. Abredo, manager of Inventeen chocolate bars with pili nuts.

By Jose Escandor Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

NAGA CITY—DRENCHING OFF THE degree of sweetness, this confectionery product of ground cocoa with pili nuts makes chocolate bars discovery a Bicol brand.

Pili nut Filipinnut has evolved is a distinct product of Bicol with treasonations in Camarines and Albay.

Comparable to other regional items like hot pepper and Mayon Volcano, pili nut is to coastal Gifford.

Rachelle T. Abredo, manager of Inventeen, claims pili nuts make them product distinctly a Bicol brand of chocolate amid a flood of various imported chocolate products in the market using almonds, peanuts, macadamia and pistachios.

The concept of making a chocolate product distinctly Bicol clicked in a school project at the Ateneo de Naga University in 2001 under a program of the College of Business Administration.

"At the very moment I was asked by our dean if I could produce chocolate bars using pili nuts as main ingredient, I was excited that the product would make its mark today in the market because the main ingredients, pili nuts, have never been mixed with chocolate with Bicol flavor," Abredo relates.

She says she was made to accept members from the junior at their college to form a seven-member enterprise, with herself as the manager and the others as assistant manager, and staff for marketing, production, finance, research and documentation, and a secretary.

The Inventeen pioneered with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). The DOST provided the project with a P1,25,000 loan and the DTI gave the training and technical assistance.

Abredo recalls they chose Inventeen as the name of the enterprise and the product, as a connection of "invention." because they were seven in the group project when it was founded in 2001. She was then a college senior.

She says the Inventeen did badly well to sustain itself even as it suffered losses, with the rest of her partners dropping out for the enterprise, one by one, leaving her behind to assume the responsibility of paying back the loans incurred to start the enterprise.

Recognizing not to divulge the details why her partners left the enterprise, Abredo says the Inventeen had encountered some financial management problems, which caused them to resign from the enterprise.

She claims she insisted on not to let the problems in financial management happened at the time when the delegated many of her functions as general manager of Inventeen after she accepted consulting job at the Partido State University (PSU).

Abredo says the Ateneo de Naga University initiated lots of the enterprise of her partners in May 2003, which made her decide to salvage Inventeen by resigning from her teaching job at the PSU to concentrate on the enterprise.

She had to assume the responsibility because, she says, she was the one who represented the enterprise and was the signatory to the loan contract with the DOST.

This year, after all her six partners in Inventeen decided to resign from the enterprise, Abredo has renewed the contract with the DOST and Ateneo de Naga University by assuming the enterprise as a single proprietor.

After five years, the Inventeen that comes in dark, bittersweet and milk chocolates is now creating its own niche in the only chocolate brand with pili nuts.

Abredo assures Inventeen had now overcome a variety of financial problems that dogged the enterprise since it was introduced to a seven-member group.

"The Inventeen is still to strive her robust issue running and the opportunity to establish its own name in the confectionery industry is always there," she enthuses.

Abredo says she purchases 500 bars of chocolate with pili nuts a day on lean months and more during the peak season.

She says the Inventeen maintains five full-time staff members who undertake the production, marketing and daily operation of the enterprise.

Abredo is thankful for the assistance of the Ateneo de Naga University, DTI and DOST and hopes to completely pay the loans it incurred to start the enterprise.

With outlets continuously growing with 28 of personal and another 25 more outings to be opened in Manila, she says she has all the reasons to be optimistic.

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helped her real estate business.

What she learned from the seminar she immediately applied in her existing property investment and the result was remarkable.

"It gave me a new sense of confidence."

Eventually Miriam and her co-investors formed JWA Realty & Development Corp. to manage the properties they acquire.

Miriam says Urban Institute is for anybody who needs to be more informed about realty investment and development. Buyers who wants to break into the real estate business as broker, investor or developer will benefit from the lectures.

Of the things she learned in Urban Institute, two lessons stood out, Miriam says. One, real estate business is about providing homes to buyers and generating jobs for others in the real estate industry. Two, money is a result of a job well done but not the end-in-itself.

Miriam first recently finished the Build it Sell Mentoring Course at Urban Institute.

Build it Sell, if properly understood, is an education on if the most profitable in terms of return on capital for an investor investment alternative for those with capital, and many investors are keen to go into the business. However, they are kept at bay because of lack of knowledge concerning the risks. Meanwhile, their capital remains underutilized.

So what do buyer do? what typing a property?

Miriam the Realty incident. buyers now look for properties that are flood free, bikes for economy is also a key consideration. Units that cost between P1M and P50K are most preferred. I think this range is most affordable as more property buyers and users sold at this price are assured to sell. Proximity to work and security are also requirements. However, affordability is a decisive factor."

For Miriam, the university business is a viable fallback position after show business.

"My realty investments have been the source of positive income and therefore I'm assured security. When my showbiz career is active, it is a source of additional income. When showbiz work is a bit slow, it is a source of financial security," she explains.

She considers herself lucky because, as long as her investments have seasons, she can practically be assured of an income and be sure to live for most of the time.

"These days, while I'm not busy in my showbiz career, I am using the time to look for properties to build on."

Miriam believes that because of constant exposure to mass media, Filipinos have become more intelligent buyers and enlightened consumers. "As a result of people becoming more informed and therefore more discerning about financial investments, real estate has become a more popular and viable option for many Filipino investors."

Like her real estate investments fall during the Miss Universe pageant, Miriam's next aim is her ready days in real estate investment market till the show resumes and wins.

For Miriam, real estate is a viable fallback option after showbiz.

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Annika and I tried to create 'leche flan' with Angel milk and were quite successful. Our kitchen did not burn down!

TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

I GOT SO CAUGHT UP WITH BACK-TO-school chores that I almost forgot Mothers' Day. It would have passed unremarkably but thank goodness my kids remembered to make colorful (digital) cards as green dots: good ol' dad.

Mothers' Day is sometimes more popular, probably because mom don't really shop, so the marketing world is driven toward Moms.

The only store my husband Dennis tends to linger in is Powerbooks. Its newly redone Greenbelt store is actually perfect for the family, with sections for kids of all ages. Where we go, we all just meet at the cashier

BOOKS AND BIKKERS TO

DIETHER Ocampo receives generous donation from Star Corporation's Jovence Tee and Ana Margaret Tantoc KIDS Foundation.

JERRY, Charles and Brianne Tee with Nora and Alfonso Prieto Valdes

MASTERMINDS AXA president Sonny Ko

TEAM Valdes: Tiaan, Nona and Ruben Valdes and Tiana and Dennis Valdes

Books and sneakers for Dad, crayons for kids, 'leche flan' cooking for me

FATHER and son Daniel and Prince Calderon

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ather lessons of interesting.

The idea each locked off with Power Books GE Gabby Lloren os unveiling the event now lo ga. The butterfly icon signifies a "metamorphosis" from the old Power Books.

Ten celebrity "Power Influencers" discussed their book collections in the store, including tween despite Tim Yap with his fashion books, photogra pher Auro Black and her pho tography books, and toy own books on interior design.

To celebrate the milestone, Power Books is holding a "Powerfactory" event. Even weekend this June, customers can bring old books in good condition and "barter" them for new books at Power Factory counters at Power Books Greenhills.

The entrepreneurs behind Power Books, of course, ap from the same family that brought us National Book Store. NBS has been the back-to-school destination for virtu ally all Pinoys for decades, with the variety of school supplies it carries.

NBS and Medea Tandoneting

GABBY DOMA, Power Books general manager

Fairy wonderland

Over at the retiring session, the newest coloring product is Mongol Crayons. Star Paper Corp., exclusive distributor of Mongol in the country, reveals limited-edition crayons in various colors.

The Mongol 5000 and Magic crayon as the main stream of Ba Nasia Mall was co-presented by National Book Store. The mall's atrium was transformed into a fancy wonderland with colorful balloons, mystery with a fantasy castle. Kids were kept busy shading coloring books using Mongol Crayons. Also introduced was the Mongol II, Pencil, with a feline grip for little hands.

Head Book Diether Ocampo trooped in with 20 kids from KIDS Foundation. Miss Paper's Arceno and Ana Margaret Tan generously donated school supplies for the disadvantaged children supported by KIDS. And everyone enjoyed an afternoon of art and entertainment.

The happy guests were treated to magic show and parlor games, with all prizes and re freshments provided by special friends UBC, Regence, Tipco, de gorilla, Birch Tree and YBS Council Tuna. Just An donated round-trip tickets to the win ners of the Best in Coloring con test. My little daughter, Alliana, was happy to get her loot, with all the Mongol Crayons.

Dessert partner

Another school chore to do was to remove all the nail polish from my other daughter, Anni ka. Off we went to our fave nail spot, Tips & Toes (tel. 8882283) across San Antonio Church in Makati. At the nail salon, we learned that one of their famous clients is pretty actress Bea Alonzo. She looks the newsboy of Angel Locsin's BFF, a trusted partner in cooking and for overseeing beverage and dessert preparations.

Bea was launched as the am bassador of the Angel lineup of affordable milk products at the tasty Pelle Restaurant in Greenbelt 5. The Angel milk line in cludes Angel Evaporated, An gel Evaporated Filled Milk, An gel Sweetened Condensed Filled Milk and Angel Condensed milk.

Back home, Annika and I raised to create leche flan with Angel milk and were quite successful. Our kitchen did not burn down! Plus the kids loved licking the spoons with con densed milk.

As for the leche flan, well, did you know you can just as easily buy this at Blue Kitchen?

Daddy Dennis will turn 56 next year. His older brother Robin already celebrated his golden age two months ago. To gether with me, we form a silver team—dad and "sister" Tiaan—at the upcoming Half Ironman in Cebu in August. We might as well just roll our selves the Middle Aged Valdes Twins.

Skate shoes

Luckily the Valdes twins have avoided looking too middle-aged. They are both trim and have all their hair. If ever the latter becomes an issue, I will definitely recommend that they visit a Swissco Hair Center (www.swisscohaircenter) for a consultation. Swissco is now offering special anniversary promos, which would be a great gift for mom's fathers.

Dads who want to feel young should check out DC, the world's preeminent technical maker of skate shoes and footwear. Its new DC Spring 2010 Collaborations offers a lineup of artistically created products ranging from shoes to

ANGEL Mills brand ambassador Bea Alonzo and Jeffrey Seah, CEO of Switzerland Asia Starwave Multisteel

MINISTER At 43, I DJ Gino Quilinzini and ambassador Lindi Pinol

ELITA Shangri-La Mactan and Spa resident manager Maggie Garcia and Lesley Tan

NEW Angel Milk brand ambassador Bea Alonzo (third from left) with Snow Mountain Dairy Corporation's Angel Canned Milk brand representatives marketing manager Tina Tan, product manager Tuba Bermoy-Catalina and key Visayas, Mindanao and general manager

SPACIOUS suite served at Shangri-La Boracay Resort and Spa villa.

EXPERT stylist Vivencio Mak-Control with customer Ina Princess

DC TROOPERS UNITE. DC brand manager Dino Sebastian, "it boy" Rocheng Dee, customer Arlene Joseph Marco and Prince Group of Companies AVP Paul Sy

ONE FAMILY WITH DC. Prince Group of Companies PRA executive manager Maria Abrera, events associate Bea Castillo, Robert brand executive Mako Arapil, Design Zo brand executive Mae Quiambao, Bar Ko Rin marketing officer Yecha Bartolo and PA to the brand executive Steph Barrete

PRIME MINISTER LEADERS. Prince Group of Companies' Noel Chan, executive vice president, and Peggie Chan, brand manager

MASTERS OF FUNKY ART. Southern California's DJ Renee Renee and DC Shoes Asia Pacific sales director Jeremy Hale

BEACONS OF CREATIVITY. KP Dy, Jong Hwee Ballroom Bock Man of Counterpoint Korea

LAST Mother's Day at Edric Wong Kitchen Ramadoss Poulose, Tina Princess Julio Benedicto and Rhea Lane

JAPANESE chef Ryoichi Ogawa at Edric Wong's Sanjie Restaurant

San Lorenzo Ruiz enthroned at the OFW lounge in NAIA

AN IMAGE OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ, our first Filipino saint, was enthroned on June 6 at the Overseas Filipino Workers Lounge of the NAIA Terminal 1 by Msgr. Modesto Tamon, parish priest of Our Lady of the Airways Church and chaplain of the NAIA.

The image was donated by lawyer Ferdinand Saño, member of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Association of America who lives in New York. The event was arranged by the Public Affairs Office (PAO) and Chaplaincy office.

It was a glorious day as OFWs waiting for their flights gathered at the lounge and joined in the prayers and singing during Holy Mass.

Also present were engineer Bing Sison, NAIA Terminal 1 manager; Dely Sonza, PAO/OIC; Victoria Ortiz, inspector of Terminal 1; Pilar Tumulak, airport chaplaincy coordinator; and Chito Dumalilo, who is the assistant of Commissioner Offin, to name a few.

The members and supporters of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Global Ministry, personnel from Tony and Emily Lanot, Chester Chinoracion, Sonia Alabag, Geraldine Pangan and Jessie Atayog, and the family members of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Global Ministry. Founding chair is Fr. Efren Diez who propagated the devotion to San Lorenzo Ruiz in New York.

Halfway home

He was pleasantly surprised to learn he is halfway home to finishing his homily that the Healer of Our Lady of the Airways has a halfway home for stranded passengers. OFWs who had to leave their jobs abroad and come home, or OFWs who are deported or repatriated from abroad.

Bing Sison, a Boholano engineer now with the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), thanked the Lanots.

There are three rooms available for temporary accommodation. Msgr. Tamon, who has been a priest for 42 years, is a member of the International Association of Airport Chaplains. Msgr. Tamon is retired in the parish by Imelda Bless Alfonso, Filomena Margate and Alberto Salazar.

Ruiz clan in Elmando

Tony Lanot, who brought the image of the saint complete with a wooden canoe, is a relative of San Lorenzo Ruiz. Tony and his 10 siblings were all born in Binondo and baptized in Binondo church. Their mother was Asuncion Ruiz whose father was Eugenio Perez Ruiz (Chinese immigration lawyer) and her mother was Rosenda Encarnacion Ruiz.

Engineer Rolando, who lives in Denver, Colorado, senior the testimony of the miracle involving Holly Machon who was cured by the saint after viewing statuettes for 90 days created by a sister, retired Holly was stricken from behind by a 10-wheeler truck. Holly's grandparents, Eli Anne Lieutenant Michael Quin and Florence Quinn, were close friends of Jose Luna Jr. when the former was assigned in the Philippines.

Luna and his eldest Jesse and Pilar who were also living in Colorado would go to Seattle where Holly lived and prayed to San Lorenzo Ruiz for her bedroom. One day when a priest made the Sign of the Cross on Holly the wake up, Orlando, Jesse and Pilar accompanied Holly to Rome for the canonization of San Lorenzo.

St. Josemaria feast day

The plans when Bishop Soto to celebrate the feast of Saint Josemaria Escriva on June 26 will be held in the Philippines and Indonesia, including the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Iloilo, Cathedral in Cebu, Cathedral in Cebu City, Cathedral in Cebu City 8 a.m. On June 25, there will be a Mass at 8:30 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Church in Angeles City. On June 26 at 6 a.m., there will be a Mass at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

'Birth of Angel' book

Manuel de Leon, who is a business consultant of Blackstone Homes, Inc., a real estate developer in Dipolog City, wrote the book "Birth of Angel" after his 34-year-old son Cielo died of cancer in 2008. The book was written in memory of the boy and it describes how he suffered during treatments in the hospital. He is asking for donations for the Hematology-Oncology Service, Department of Pediatrics, UP-CM-PGH area of Ts. Brandino Fernando Arcos. He is willing to deliver a free copy of his book to donors.

HBGR. Modesto Tamon (third from right) with Emily Lanot-Linda Chinoracion, Sor Ishlee Dizon, Betty Sonza, Public Affairs Office-OIC, Victoria Ortiz, supervisor of Gate Terminal 1; the author Bing Sison, Terminal 1 manager; Gabriela Lanot, relative of Sonia Jessica Ruiz; and Jessie Atayog at the enshrinement of San Lorenzo Ruiz at the OFW Lounge at Main Terminal 1 on June 6

He says, "The last text I received from Dr. Anne was about the passing away of one of her friends and it broke my heart again with the same pain when I lost Cielo."

Those who want to donate and receive a copy of Manuel's book can text him at 0928-9042750.

Isla donations awaiting

In preparation for the Tribunal of Mercy on Saturday, Our Lady of Peñafrancia retreat first day talk on Sept. 19, the Dysfunctional Drivers Association of Metro Manila headed by Dr. Charito Pilipo is inviting devotees to attend a prayer meeting/fellowship on July 3, 5 p.m. at the Aquaverde Restaurant, Cebu Capitol Mall. Cebu Roan Boulevard. Please note the following to confirm attendance: Imelda Cunido at 0917-6400042 or call 5261477; Dr. Charito, 0917-4799670 or 7240244; or Joan Peñarubia at 0917-5882445.

September 2010 marks the 300 centennial of the devotion to "Isa." The theme is "Sharing the Future in Hope," Wonderful Mass and grand investiture celebration will be on Sept. 18, 5 p.m., at the Sitio Mercapitan Cathedral. Main celebrant is archbishop Leonardo Legaspi, OP.

St. John the Baptist fiesta

The people of San Juan will celebrate the feast of St. John the Baptist on June 24 with a Eucharistic celebration at 6 p.m. with Auxiliary Bishop of Antipolo, Francisco M. de Leon as main celebrant. Parish priest is Fr. Ponte de Dagdag Jr. and co-priest is Fr. Jesus Fuero.

Fellowship night of Cebu's La Chaine des Rotisseurs

SEVERAL MEMBERS AND guests of La Chaine des Rotisseurs-Cebu chapter turned up in blue jeans and other top, motif theme, in the form of Michel and Augustin Chedhie. It was a fellowship night with the theme "American Country Blue."

As everyone knows, Michel Jacob La Chaine in the Philippines, while Augustin rules over the Cebu chapter. Their teenage years in exclusive Maria Luisa Estate Park but stuff packed by for this body. Their taste continued the suffering, but Augustin's appreciation about wine was developed when he then came of age.

A Chaine event is primarily a gastronomic experience. For this one, the Chedhie family's restaurant Pino served the elite Mediterranean food del Pradoas per herb specialized in Chi-Chi Francis Pesos.

Tables were set up in the elegant tavern area, draped in midnight blue satin accented with the house silver, crystal, china and napery. Two soaring, announced Augustin from the step stool, were for a special table for her and Michel plus their honor guests.

Among them were ambassador Philippe and Edna Lhuillier, Rep. Eddie and Mary Ming Gullas, James Carlos and Margarita Yu, Msgr. Clemente La Hoz, parish priest of Immaculate Conception Cathedral and his vicar Clarence.

Delicious appetizers were a meal in themselves, served along with champagne flutes filled to the brim with effervescent "Lhuillier Brut." For the rest of the evening, never those 50 bottles of the best French red wines were poured, obtained from the Lhuillier private cellar, Rose's Chateau Mouton Rothschild bottle 1924 specially bottled for LL.

Buffet supper was wandering from one station to another hosts stocked with the classics. The pecan pie and other delights were quite tempting. At the bars or tables named they tried homemade blends, and there was an array of condiments and seasonings. The spinach and orzo salad high, as did the pesto bacon bacon casserole.

The brother sets for dinner supported Italy-back ribs, as self-they noticed was potato. Chef Brando was personally carving the 'Di Palma Board Host' rolled in thick slabs of paper-thin slices. Joel del Prado submitted that the flavor came from having simmered five whole thing in Bijou seasoned, among other things, for two entire days and nights.

HPHG HPHG Indie...Michel and Augustin Chedhie and Rep. Eddie Gullas

Show

There was a sleazy Las Vegas style, as a dance floor set up in front of the stage. A sizable trumpet big-heeled, boogied, tap danced and did every number imaginable. Who cared to share the spotlight with them? Michel and Augustin did a spirited rock 'n' roll, while Monsignor presided his Cadbee to usher with the star dancers.

Alliance Francaise de Cebu director Louis Thevenin and his pretty wife Henriette were present, introducing Louis' parents, Yves and Genevieve Thevenin. They had just arrived from Paris that very afternoon via Cebu on Qatar Airways.

At the end of the evening, the kitchen brigade and everyone involved in the dinner received due recognition. Up front with them were Le Chaine's Cebu top personalities. Aside from Michel and Augustin, it was Rose Jimenez Mendezona, Nestor Jimeno, Vivina Ventanilla, Al Evangelio and Lee Gaspero.

What next? "Well, more and double when we return," said Michel and Augustin who on the first week of June left for Paris. They have spent time with their children Tracey nee Lhuillier and Franck Pinard and grandchildren Martin and Bianca.

Then they attended a series of international events of Le Chaine in Paris as well as Brussels. Their vacation will be made complete by a journey on a private plane to visit St. Petersburg and Moscow in Russia, and Arkhus in Turkey. They are expected back in Cebu by the end of June.

"Cebu is so beautiful. You are beach resorts, I'd like to do a bed-breakfast by the beach," Augustin said. Please see about to set up one. La Chaine seems as cling city hotel like the Radisson. If is on a skyscraper right beside SM City Cebu, and that is open for

September this year.

The television comic Herbert Bautista and Regine Velasquez will be celebrated the celebration of the Ateneo de Cebu golden jubilee at the Stadium on Nov. 12. It will be a formal dinner with classical music, as in a full concert by the Manila Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Arturo Molina. Rachell Ticzon and Joseph Estrella will be soloists for piano and violin, respectively.

One of the events of the Ateneo Grand golden jubilee is a pre-reunion by Batch '80 dubbed as the "Reflections." It has been scheduled for Oct. 6-9 at Garage of Bohol Center. It features some of the best dancers from the school, headed by Mr. Bala Villaluna in 1981.

She retired as artistic director in 2006, handing the reins to her former student Nicolas Pizarro and his partner Gregory Aurea. One of Pit's most gifted students, Johanna Mangahas, is Ballet-ateneo's executive director.

In the "Reflections" experience are some ballets choreographed by Pit. Speaking of her presence, she has compiled her best choreographies in six decades into a book to be launched during Ballet-ateneo's 40th anniversary next year.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE Relationships

Wasak
SALMON RICE!

'Pasensya na po!'

By Maricel N. Francisco
Contributor

A GASOLINE BOY frankly guided me into an empty bay, and I asked him for a full tank. He assured me that, took credit cards, double-checked that I wanted unleaded gasoline, and unpainfully maximized for me to see that the gauge was at zero.

In no time at all, he was pressuring me a full to $50.

"How many liters is that?" I asked.

"11 liters, ma'am," he replied confidently.

I glared at him. "But I asked for a full load!"

"Yes ma'am, but I already programmed the machine to stop at P500."

My annoyance rose as he kept chewing the fat at me without offering to correct the mistake.

"I want a full load!" I insisted, as if I had to beg.

Another gasoline boy came. He suggested filling up my tank, making a second receipt and dividing the total on my credit card—an obvious solution that never occurred to the other guy!

"Pasensya na po!" the culprit mumbled to me, as he filled my tank. "Pasensya na po!" he repeated as he handed me my bill and signaled as I entered my car. "Pasensya na po talaga!"

"Ipaalala mo pa sa akin!" I suddenly roared out. "Bakit ako ang nagsasabi ng pasensya sa inyo?"

As if that would make sense to him.

Countless frustrations

It seemed such a petty thing. However, known personal frustrating fast-fast caught up with our "world-class service" pronouncement. We go through countless such frustrations every day.

I had already exercised my patience to the nth with an unhelpful security guard in a parking lot. And our benevolent and Comelec officials belatedly displaying on TV their inability to grasp 21st-century technology after spending our billions on much-hollowed automated elections!

"Patience" be the choice guideline few want, just the stone that broke my back. Along with fellow Filipinos on every occasion, "pasensya" has been my middle name since time immemorial. After a lifetime of putting up with overarching from bad managers and ugly encounters in high-rolling brevity in our beloved land, I have come to hate the self-defeating "Pasensya na po!"

And I hate it even more in its text form—"Ma'm, sorpa e pob"—from my condo unit whose costly work on my roof proved lousy. My driver is not back from his two-week vacation because his busy brother-in-law, who is supposedly also my employer is pregnant for the second time by a married man, "Sorpa na pob!"

Are we the most tolerant and forgiving people in the world, or just plain dumb?

A bicycle hit my car from behind, and the driver turned out to be an undocumented foreigner. "Pasensya na po!" his brother pleaded. The kid was just helping the family earn a living. I had to convince myself with going the mother a lecture on responsibility since if I knew it was fruitless. After all, I could never match the infinite patience of the presumed urban poor.

At a well-known restaurant, I copped a baby cockroach in my parcel packed. Groomed out, yet now watching to be the killjoy, I discreetly pointed it out to the waiter. "Pasensya na po!" he muttered without looking away and frantically took the plate away. No replacement. No free lollipops to assuage my offended sensibilities.

"Pasensya!" or "Bahala"?

National addiction

Since when has it become a national addiction to inflict one's malpractices or carelessness on others? Have we become such brute that we no longer

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'Pasensya na po!'

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make any effort to reform or make amends, just expecting the aggrieved party to understand?

Such patience is no longer a virtue. It is a self-deprecatory vice, if not a crime. Who can say when will this collective forbearance is taking us to? Divorce? Breast implants? Cancer of all kinds? Madness? Worst of all, creeping cynicism and hopelessness.

It is beginning to sound like a curse, akin to "Sibat!" Pero your IT has moved well beyond screaming, making a big pile up of fruitful memories? Running? Who you are, shot by someone armed with push rage? Running? Did your parish newsletter and his girlfriend succeed? Will the funeral be held at the village chapel? Running?

Do you cringe when you can breeze guests elegantly hosting with our senseless and paper-less public toilets? Do you die of envy seeing formerly chunky co-populated HR ragering hands-free air-conditioned semi-transit, speeding thousands to and from the sprawling airport in half an hour? Relax, yourself?

When we were children we were taught by our parents to exercise maximum tolerance toward our younger siblings—"Magpasensiyahan na sa," because they did not yet possess the maturity to do the right thing. But we also depend to be magnanimous to those who are less privileged economically and genetically.

But now we are being asked to have patience for those smarter and more powerful than us. Big businessmen, incompetent professionals, abusive government officials, grifters and plunderers!

Reckless people

People or instid, these are things which we are expected to ignore, even laugh about, because we are a cheerful and tolerant people. But how about when the President of my country admits she was meddling with election returns and tells her spy journeyed? "Sorry at least a hopya in judgment."

But we can't say "sang-ayon aya," some time. So we have indeed grown used to smiling for crumbs. At least when he blows you up your mail, sometimes you find a considerate sign saying "We apologize for the inconvenience." (Oh yeah? Then don't like two years to finish a two-kilometer stretch.)

What if these ridiculous don't even bother to say "sorry?" Those who insist they have not done anything wrong? ("My conscience is clear!") Those who admit they did engage in some pretty awful behavior, but not others? ("I didn't tell a lie; I just kept in a corner.")

Crude behavior

It is distressing to see how crude behavior seems to infectiously spread spontaneously. Some of our so-called leaders, Recall a veteran lawmaker who, with absolute bad taste, maliciously paused on a colleague's use of the word "disorder."

The "apologized" later "not as such is practicing and outside measure it made him look like a lower creature.

Whereas those who should be considered our role models unnecessarily use filter their mass and behave impulsively without regard for the moral basic order, or God give them the only brains to own. These ilgPos to interrupt, insult, harangue and browbeat those they have invited to testify. The poor victims have to quit their built with utmost self-control.

Come on, ladies and gentlemen in your leisures and bisnings, we all know you walk the corridors of power. You have nothing to lose by behaving with the decorum and dignity befitting your office. You will only be lifting our spirits, by demonstrating that you are not the colossal examples of our national habit of shooting ourselves in the foot.

Solicitor Lucas apparently admitted that "I could've said it into make regarding the digital signature but (she) a base even. Did he apologize for barring my entry? Not in my hearing! Did he humbly acknowledge his "old mouth mind?" Don't hold your breath.

"Sige, pwede na!"

And how do we respond to "pasensya na?" Accepting the line of the disenfranchised by sighing, "Hay, sige na na lang!" or "Pwede na rin?"

Why make a face over those giant billboards that socio-economic signs, a typhoon never declared dangerous and illegal? They celebrate what little land. Scraps we still have with excuse us, strikes and floods. But the advertisers, printers and models all have to make a living, so "Sige na 'yan!"

The educational insurance plan painstakingly saved for three years disappeared into "Huwag na, sir!" Did the Angeles Ferry carrying your family members sink on a clear day? "Ikaw-kasi naman 'yan. Si pa As'yan na eroplano?"

After years of manipulation and malfeasance of power, the skills, talents and idealism of our government professionals put together all the evidence that convicted an impeached president of plunder. Kulelat pa!

Then he is allowed to run again, and get enough votes to correct the precedence. Are we the most tolerant and forgiving people in the world, or just plain dumb?

Even in the heart-stopping sight of the murder homicides you can shoot on TV, I feel pelter of how the Maguires carried the accused coffins, do we lose the bobbled whimper of an apology from the Muslims? Does the shadow of a blank cross her chest? See on your life? She and her children are busy preparing to take their oaths as legal officials of the land.

Antidebacle? But who has Aico anwedaya? How about air-condom, palabra de honor, palakasan, mediacion, endless negotiation?

Sadly, they have all been decimated somewhere along the way to "national development." All we are left with is the list of the habitat preserves.

There was a moment in time when our passions ran out. A man of courage stood up, declaring his noble decision for his country, but he was shot down in cold blood, the martyr's dream remembered our constitution that we could reboot ourselves.

"Sana ito, Sobra na!" we shouted, waving yellow flags of support and anger. A quarter of a century later, after several leaders have betrayed our simple hopes, we are back to waiting and praying. Mas our news leaders realize that we cannot go on being brushed off as insignificant. We have waited so long for their answers, cultural explanations and concrete results.

Promise?

The elder in me just could not let that guardian boy go. So I asked him if he could address our fears. Carefully for a chance to make up, he did when rough and efficient job.

But he his passions, I subjected him to a lecture starting and ending with "Lagi mong tandaan, ha?"

Some questions, however, to go, and me" he said, this time more slightly, "Or so po ninanti me eh!"

Those were the sweetest words I had heard in a long time. I would love to hear those magical words from our leaders in my lifetime.

ANSWERS TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

Should she reconcile with her ex-boyfriend?

DEAR EMILY,

My three-year and 11-mike-up two years ago. I was 23 then and about to finish my thesis. My parents didn't approve of our relationship because I was still studying, and this caused a lot of conflicts at home. After eight months, I broke up with him. But now, two years have passed and though singlehood is happy, my heart cries for him. I'd like to ask for a second chance, apologize, and tell him how I feel. But I'm afraid we've changed. I also heard he's seeing someone else now. Should I just forget it to myself then?

—Sweet Hopeful Heart

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Hurtado

Stand what—don't do it. You may call on him to say "hello," but don't open or ask for a second chance. Keep those urging emotions to yourself even if it kills you. Don't take yourself back to the 8th because your relationship ended. You were stressful for you finally. If he still were in love with you, would leaves couldn't hold him back from pursuing you and wanting to be with you.

Remember that once are busy human and have their own lives to live and plans, in this case. Let him have a run of his life. Allow him the freedom to hook up with as many women as he wants. If he is meant for you, there's nothing in the universe that will keep you apart from each other—no matter how long it takes.

Occupy yourself in the meantime. For is only 23 now...just the right age to find more who knows the direction they'd want to take in life. Focus your nights on schools, and stop looking back at the past. Refrain from criticizing your former boyfriend's decisions. You might even stumble and fall weak your own mother process.

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Sunday Crossword

PREMIER CROSSWORD / By Frank A. Longo THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY

Lessons from Gabby, KC on father-child relationship

SOME STORIES DRAW YOU when you hear expect it...stirring emotions that get you going. Like...

Watching KC and Gabby Concepcion navigate their father-daughter issues in "I'll Be There" was like watching a slice of my life.

KC "Sue" Gabby when her parents separated, and again, later on, when he had to leave for the US. In her crucial development years, he was absent from her life.

When you lose a parent suddenly, the way I did at 16, your world changes forever. There are major issues of trust and abandonment to grapple with.

It was, in fact, a serious heartbreak for KC when she was in her early 20s. This triggered KC's search for Gabby that resulted in a reunion a few years ago, which helped heal her.

In a recent interview on kmarketnetwork.com, she said: "I used to be an avid fan of heartbreak. It made me feel alive."

The quote is not surprising. Dr. Ken Cardil, author of "Seven Secrets of Effective Fathers" and "The Heart of A Father," explains that fathers look away from their daughters during pre-adolescence and adolescence, when in fact, she needs his attention and affection in that time is even more important than in any phase of a child's growth.

"When a father abandons a relationship with his daughter, she can become hearts in time relationally with the opposite sex," said Dr. Cardinal. "A 30-year-old woman may look like an adult on the outside, but on the inside she is still working on issues that should have been attended to by a healthy, engaged father."

"When you see trauma, relationally, it is difficult to move past that and how to develop a healthy relationship because you are working from a point of need instead of working out of a position of strength," said Dr. Cardinal. "There is a need to heal that, and the search to fill that void prompts her to take risks in relationships, which usually result in

ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Babao-Guballa

Redemption can come, even though late in the game. Often, all we need to do is return home—to ourselves and, as adults, to our families of origin

some really poor choices."

I was reminded of a young friend whose father left when she was in second grade. Unfortunately, due to true problems, he never came back. For years later, after unhealthy relationships, my friend found herself caught in love with a man who showed serious family issues. My friend was very glaring, but ready to start a relationship. Her boyfriend asked what he could do to hurt her the most, so he could avoid doing it. My friend replied: "My greatest fear and hurt is that you will disappear from my life just like that..."

It was later that she was exactly what he did. My friend's world spun around and she fell into depression.

Relevant, it was also what moved her. She traveled in search of her father. They connected and after a great deal of inner work, she is finally reliable and ready to begin anew.

The movie has a pivotal scene where KC plays with a starlet and Gabby tells her: "When a child is injured or hurt, they run to a way for them to heal those selves. They only need to return to the room...to go back home."

Steps to healing

I think of the many broken relationships I have counseled in the three years, here and the intending

couples for the famous heart and spirit to heal.

Whether you love your father to death or he make others circumstance, there are ways to restore what is broken.

The Guardian suggests:

- Initiate some form of communication with your adult child. Seek to affirm him/her for the positive contributions she has made in your life or the lives of others. Or if you are the son or daughter, initiate a search for your dad, or reach out to him in some way.
- Humility is key. Consider whether or not you need to ask for forgiveness. The three simplest words to say to the person you've hurt the most are "I was wrong," "I was sure" and "will you forgive me?" Use these to deepen your relationship with your daughter. If you are the child, show your dad in a different light. Now that you are an adult, your responsibility is understanding and forgiveness is bigger.

- Ask your daughter to name three ways you can support her in the coming year. If you are the adult child, understand that your father may has different needs. Offer the help you feel he may need of the time. Do not be hard if he refuses, as some may do because of pride. The important thing is you did your part and offered to help out.
- Consider an antecedence of "set-change-or-shelved" time in your home. Listen to and support your children no matter the challenges.

Redemption can come, even though late in the game. Often, all we need to do is return home—to ourselves and, as adults, to our families of origin.

Believe in second chances. People change, circumstances change. Answered-running matters and circumstances come answer. Gordo Tan Ibanez wrote: "Every experience no matter how painful, either gives us, every person He puts in our lives, is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see."

It's never too late to have a happy childhood, to embrace or heal a relationship, and in the process, set yourself free.

Happy Father's Day!

Reading love

One of the first critical lessons I have learned is to stay off my high horse, to stop imposing my own standards

By Chit Rivera
Correspondent

READING LOVE SHOULD HAVE been a compulsory and interactive subject in my last year of college at St. Theresa's, especially since I was getting married five days after graduation. Indeed, no excuses, I think, should be given a license to marry without going through something like that.

Instead, we all took a nebulous little joint subject, Marriage Christian Relationships, which I struggled to stay awake. The teacher was too theoretical and a mumbler, seeming ill at ease with the subject herself.

Anyway, our graduation ceremony, Mother Jose, singled me out for a woman-to-woman talk. I was an arrogant, special case: the first bride from my class.

I entered her office curious about what a virgin psychologist had to say.

After some awkward small chats, she brought out a sheet sheet of paper and began to doodle. Eyelids affluent and throat often showing a great effort to swallow nothing, she began to describe what she had in her drawn for me — a woman's uterus and ovaries with their corresponding fallopian tubes, proceeded to go complexly clinical on me. To my disappointment, she didn't draw the male counterparts. God would necessarily complete the situation.

Immature 21

Such was my preparation for marriage, in addition to the living examples of married people around me and the fairy-tale romances I read and heard in my youth. I went in an immature 21 and would get me an immature 41.

We announced in Reading Love, not to mention outback, after 20 years of marriage, I was convinced that love was no longer forthcoming, because I wouldn't recognize it even if it stared me in the face. I didn't even want to try anymore. I felt like Charles Schulz's Charlie Brown upon his team's defeat at baseball: How could we have lost when we were so winners?

Sincerity and best efforts, alas, are not enough. There also need be time, patience and an open mind, open, that is, particularly to the big picture and precisely over conscious that marriage is teamwork—being on the same side.

Indeed, it took an initially-necessary second relationship for me to grow up enough to learn to read love, a course that, like marriage itself, I have realized, is one strictly for adults. Indeed, a course best self-taught and learned on the job, a job that, to all intents and purposes, remains in the husband him- self, a character in many ways unique to each case.

Lessons learned

One of the first critical lessons I have learned is to stay off my high horse, to stop imposing my own standards. When, for instance, he now makes such involuntary yet otherwise, offensive sounds in my presence as yawning, coughing, burping, and worse, I no longer take them personally. I take them not as any show of disrespect,

READING M...

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DMCI HOMES

Who will advance to the next round of SM Super Chefs?

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These contenders have to toughen up in the elimination rounds as they go against each other and against time to come up with the best dishes that will satisfy the judges' palates. Out of the 60, only 12 shall move on to the Grand Finals and vie for the P100,000 dream kitchen and the 4-day all-expenses-paid trip to Singapore.

Super Chef 2013 auditions run until next week, so it's not too late to join!

SUBMISSION DATES:	SM HYPERMARKET BRANCH	ENTRY DISH
June 23	Montalban, Batasang	Menudo
June 25	Rosales, Tarlac	Menudo
June 30	North Harbour	Kaldereta

Submit your dishes and join the first group of winners in the elimination round. Good luck!

Chef Rex Gui salutes one of the judges winners at SM Hypermarket Mall of Asia.

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'I consider this as my mother's legacy'—Nedy Tantoco

By Rito T. Vergara

FILIPINOS LOVE ITALIAN FOOD-wear because Filipinos love beauty in fashion and design. For as long as this leadership is consistent, Italian products will always have a good market."

A day after leading the launch of Rustan's annual Italian festival in the company's main store in Makati, Zenaida "Nedy" Tantoco, president of Rustan Commercial Corp. (RCC), declared her management faith in the fare of Brand Italy with seasoned Filipino designers.

Dubbed as "Bella Italia," the month-long shama-mide festival, ongoing until July 17, showcases the attractive line of Italian luxury brands, from clothes, leather goods, perfume, home and food items, to developments in toys.

"The Italian festival was conceived way back in the time of my mother, our founder, Socorro Bueta Tantoco, in the '70s," she said. "Since then, it has remained a significant and major event for Rustan's because we carry so many beautiful items from Italy."

Vice President-elect Jejomar Binay and Italian ambassador to the Philippines Luca Fornari joined Tantoco Tuesday evening in cutting the ribbon, but four ceremonial ribbons located at different levels and areas in the store, including in the home section, which has the latest collection of hand-blown crystal pieces by Murano-based Mosaico.

VICE President-elect Jejomar Binay

ITALIAN Ambassador to the Philippines Luca Fornari

ACTORS dressed as characters from a masked Venetian ball greet guests.

Rustan's pays special tribute to the exquisiteness of things Italian

National colors

RCC, with Shinsekai Card and the Italian embassy, is again working with its sister company, Rodon Apostolate, Inc. (RAI), to stage Italian theme events.

AM exclusively represents and manages Bassetti's seamless furnishings, featuring some of the best and most celebrated Italian luxury brands such as Gucci, Fendi, Bottega Veneta, Bulgari and Salvatore Ferragamo.

In keeping with the event's theme, selections of the Makati store were decked out in Italy's national colors. Actors dressed as characters straight out of a masked Venetian ball presided over candy, while Filipino classical singers led by Bench Ong regaled guests with excerpts from immortal Italian operas such as "La Traviata," "Lakme" and "Rigoletto."

"The first Italian festival was called 'Carnivale di Venezia,'" said Tantoco. "The festival has been unquantifiable for staging major projects over the years, like the 'Festival Italiano' in 2003, 'La Dolce Vita' in 2007, 'Gran Italia!' in 2008 and 'Encore!' in 2009."

Apart from the recent exclusive preview at Roberto Coin's latest jewelry collection, the festival will stage a fashion show at Rustan's Makati featuring Bernel's collection for 10 Italian brands on June 26, July 3, 10 and 17 at Rustan's Makati. Shangri-la Plaza, Alabang and Gateway, respectively, and weekend coffee sampling by Kimbo.

Various Italian deli and wines are also highlighted at Rustan's Supermarket's Makati and Shaw-well branches. The department store chain's fragrance and home section are also showcasing the best of Italy.

Gran Lotteria ticket

The best part is, customers are entitled to one Gran Lotteria ticket for every purchase of Italian products worth P1,000 at Rustan's Department Store and AM Interspace.

For the grand prize, Cathay Pacific, which now flies four times a week to Milan, is giving away business-class tickets to Milan.

Other prizes are jewelry and gift certificates from Roberto Coin, Dirk's Life Series, Ermes, Dolce & Gabbana, Versace and Diesel.

"In the beginning, Rustan's would use the exhibition hall on the top floor of each store to showcase all the Italian brands," said Tantoco. "Today, this is no longer possible, since our Italian festival now covers all floors and various departments of our stores. You will find a special display featuring Italian merchandise on every floor."

Apart from architectural reasons, the jeweler holds special interest in Tantoco, who is an active member of the 40-year-old Philippine-Italian Association. June is also a significant month, as Italians celebrate their National Day on June 2.

"For the last eight years, I have been serving the association as its president," she said. "I also cherish this as one of my mother's legacies. As such, we would like to continue doing these festivals for many more years to come."

[ABOVE] Lou Pizzo ring in rose gold with diamonds and pink sapphire; jar (tall) Arco Kappa Acqua di Colonia Code's

PERFUME showcase is decked out in the Italian national colors.

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Why howling Catanduanes always shines through

The emerald Bicol island—a favorite surfing destination—may be storm-tossed, but its sights remain breathtaking, its people undaunted, ever optimistic

A PUFF from a cliff overside Puraran Cave.

TIME and tide conspired to shape this arch in Bating, Virac.

By Cleo Dizon-Dykiamo
Lead Writer

I HAVE AMBIVALENT FEELINGS about my province, Catanduanes, being called "Land of the Howling Winds."

On one hand, I'm delighted because the ear-flattening moniker rings true. Catanduanes lies in the typhoon belt and is often talked about in the same breath as its more notorious southern neighbor, Albay.

On the other hand, I'm in denial because the description is, after all, only half-true. On warmer days, when the winds whisper rather than howl, Catanduanes dishes off this coy and tranquil mood set—the idyllic place that it truly is.

The emerald isle being part of the Bicol Peninsula is the perfect hideaway; the place to savor a largely unspoiled nature, to reconnect with one's historical and religious heritage, and to experience the rustic charm of island living plus the true Bicolano zest for life.

Life is a beach

Getting to Catanduanes by plane from Manila takes less than an hour. Shortly before touchdown at Virac airport, one gets a visual treat as thousands of feet above sea level. A glimpse of the western coastline makes one giddy at the prospects of being up on the island with its arsenal of amazing beaches.

Catanduanes may have exceeded its earth quota mainly as a surfing destination, but there are countless other possibilities for the fun during.

From the capital town of Virac, a roughly 1.5-hr drive through hilltops leads to the southern tip of the island hinge-over to the all-natural reserve in Igang, Antipolo Indio and Mauliang.

Turn Back Breeze in Igang is famous for its postcard-pretty waves and shore amenities, while Mamangal Beach in Bahay offers perhaps the most stunning sunset view on that part of the island. The gentle waves here are ideal for skimboarding and the powdery white sand compels you to take off your flip-flops and stroll barefoot.

Off the beaten path, it is quite likely that you'll discover an undeveloped beach that otherwise only foreigners would see on the usual six-day tours. So fanciers, no-curious individuals, just for the thrill—quite you need to recharge your tired body and weary soul.

A hammock and a book will make excellent buddies. Remember to bring your washed pant because it will be hard to resist the urge to explore the beauty that lies beneath the crystal-clear waters.

Other parts of the island have their own beach attractions. We never still to offer more time on our next visit to check out Agnayo and Boo Tawgo Streets in San Andres, Tuyog Beach in Caramoran, Solow Beach in Pangpang, and the different resorts in Panganiban, the surfing area in Baras town.

Well-known waterfalls

The province is dominated by a mountainous theme—a suggestion that is repeat come on to adventure-seekers.

From Virac, are headed toward Baras and dropped by Mayhaus Falls where we found ourselves swimming pantokan already enjoying the cool

THESE ROCKS REINFORCED Baras Church took 11 years to build.

waters gushing from the small natural cascades.

Again, the decision was prompted by the proximity of the place; otherwise, we would have wanted to explore other well-known waterfalls such as Binanderan or Hobohagan falls in Gigmoto.

The Virac-Baras route is accessible by jeepney or tricycle.

There are also private vans for hire but my choice for navigating this picturesque route is the motorbike. Nothing beats a leisurely ride while taking in the cool mountain air on one side and getting spectacular views of the sea on the other.

In the opposite direction to the towns of San Andres, the scenery is just as refreshing. The winding road approaching Gigmoto is lined with lush vegetation and is a favorite stopover for cyclotourists who usually visit the Luyong Cave.

From here, one can drive further west to the Agnas Peninsula and Marinawe Sanctuary. A boat ride around the protected area gives visitors a view of colorful species of fish and corals.

In Gubat, the development of a basic port holds great promise. When completed, it is expected to boost tourism in Catanduanes through a shorter link to Camarines Sur.

A short distance from Gubat is the Mayong-buang Cave located along the coastal road. Magnificent Cathedral-like formations ground these captivating the captivating images in the various chambers of this cave.

The cliffs outside the cave offer a good view of the Golden Point and nearby Caramoran Bay.

When the sun sets and night creeps in, it is time for a unique sensory experience. In Mercedes or Bo. Donsolly forested area near the Luyong Cave in Gubat, San Andres, please and enjoy the symphony of crickets and the dance of fireflies—keeping as quiet possible in places choked with pollution.

Your knowledge of astronomy will come in handy when you do a thrill guess of constellations as you try to trace the patterns of the flickering diamonds in the dark night sky.

MOSS-COVERED wall framing a window of the Baras Church.

SARGUO leaves and shapes will live up your imagination inside Hinagdanang Cave.

Hispanic heritage

It has been centuries since the Spanish conquistadores set foot on Catanduanes, but the Hispanic influence still runs deep in the Catanduanges character.

Nearly of Spanish origin have found their way into the district. Catalan-sounding family names are common, and attendees are known to be deeply religious.

Most historic have churches or towns, which indicate for religious functions. People can keep track of time by the toll of church bells. In the town of Baras, folk wake up at the crack of dawn to the pealing of the San—church bells.

The Baroque-inspired church is an imposing structure by the riverside, its thick walls of coral-lite and coral stones having withstood the ravages of time. It took more than 50 years to build and was completed in 1880.

About 15 minutes away is the Daraga church, which houses the Bell cross erected on the island. It marks the burial site of Fr. Diego de Herrera, an Augustinian priest who led an expedition in 1570 that was dispersed off Bolinao and who was later murdered by the natives. On the same site flows a spring which locals believe are holy.

Bato Balong Balayay in San Andres is another spiritual pilgrimage site—it has a stone image of the Virgin Mary. Stories about the image and its miracles are told to this day. The common thread is how the stone has yet not its size yet the image in it has not been destroyed. Details such as Birhan Mary's hair and threads peeping through her blue mantle, which required a magnifying glass to see in the past, are now clearly visible to the naked eye.

Fiesta island

Bahays, the most evident trace of Spanish culture here is the observance of fiestas. After completing the novenas to their patron saints, townsfolk pull out all the stops in merrymaking. No town fiesta is complete without a mini parade and marching bands, food bounty contests, and the singer ball.

The influx of visitors during the town and barangay fiesta proves they can be not doing the exercise (like bathroom might, eat the political canvasser), which appears to be the favorite host to choose all their assets more of the fun.

Usual items fare includes palay ng gabi or taro, sinugaan, lechon, grilled liana or other Bicolano's catch, and steamed crabs locally known as ayol. Liberal intervention is allowed. The other temptation I can name, but not secure from you with just water and faith, the Bicolano version of the screen, which comes with a bodyless sauce made of sugar, coconut cream and some flavoring.

The best part about fiestas here is that they draw crowds unlike NBBs. Be bold and invite yourself. You will be treated like a member overall guest.

One night wonder how the Catanduangenses who experience the rumble of the incessant winds as if no schedule can be so content and optimistic. I have to ask the same question too, until I met an old man who quipped, "Sa mga mata anna pag ga-alon lit-only kung wala ka mata," the dialect was known is but he's relaxed and the unique way he's told had the humor.

The Bicolano "B" in the dialect is sounded like a v-word somewhat similar to, but not exactly like the Spanish pronunciation of "pollo," was clearly that's a spoken clue to a person's island roots.

Tess Hermann, a Virac-based resort owner, shares the perspective. While showing me around her family property, she pointed to the various saplings at different stages of growth and vowed to value them in the years that go the island. "These younger ones here some of us farming, while those taller ones also talking," and pointed to others in the upstream other similar destructive stirring.

"They remind me not to lose hope but to stay in the challenge for the land and planting even more than what had been destroyed," she added.

Indeed, the howling winds may blow away roofs, fences crops, and make life difficult at times on this side of the archipelago, that experience seems to be one sweet reward especially the Catanduangenses. There is a lesson in accepting things we cannot change and in viewing the glass as half-full—mind-sets that make a world of difference when things get a bit too complicated.

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Norwegian Epic launched

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE RECOGNIZES its Premiere Cruising ship, the Norwegian Epic. The ship can accommodate 4,200 people and is set to have its maiden voyage this June.

Norwegian Epic also has some of the most innovative and flexible accommodations now—from Studios specifically designed and to cater for the solo traveler and exclusive access to The Studio Lounge to private villas.

Highlights include amusement rides

Park with the only roller coaster and largest bowl slide at sea—The Epic Plunge. The ship also unveiled seven decks of Freestyle Family Favorites including a 23-foot-high, 54-foot-wide entrance rock climbing wall and rappelling wall at sea. Attractions also include bowling lanes, aquatic pool, cartoon activity areas and more.

The ship also boasts unique nightlife options with the first bar/bar at sea and Spice 101 with non-stop entertainment

day and night. Norwegian Epic has 28 dining destinations, as well as 28 bars and lounges. Guests who want to test their luck can try their hand at the ship's casino. For more information, visit www.ncl.com/epic.

Savings rate promo

On Father's Day, take Dad to Bistal Restaurant by Tagaytay in Amadeo Road and avail of the hotel's seasonal savings rate until July 15.

Travel Briefs

A family of four can stay in a Premiere Room for ₱7,200 net with complimentary breakfast for four. Lunch or dinner by the pool comes with two whole fried chicken and choice of duck or over is up all on the house. If Dad and Mom are into the Extreme name for ₱5,000 net, they can have it as breakfast with complimentary whole fried chicken and boiled or any for lunch or dinner. To top the evening, Dad can have a complimentary bottle of beer with a plate of peanuts.

Catholic group celebrates 8th year

SERVANT CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC Community marks its eighth with an update on greater endeavors for the people.

With the theme "Reaching new heights," Servant's eighth Foundation Day gathers community members, their families and friends in a big fellowship at the Aloysium, Mendez Avenue, Greigo Center, Pasig City, on June 20, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Servant Catholic Charismatic Community was founded by Jaime Cardinal Sin, and well-known church leader Antonio "Tonny" Bayan de los Reyes, who also served as its first lay servant leader.

Cardinal Sin did two very gracious things first, he offered his personal motto "Servant," meaning "I will serve," as the corporate name of the community, and, second, he assigned a good pastor for Servants, the well-loved Rev. Fr. Anton C. Pascual.

Coadjutor Cardinal F. Rosales will be guest of honor and principal Mass celebrant with Servant spiritual director Fr. Anton CT. Pascual.

The program includes praise and worship, inspirational talk by Fr. Anton and Servants head servant leader Ding Asuncion, testimonies by different speakers ministry and guests, special awards, games, surprises.

The people behind the upcoming program are Willie and Rosie Tolentino (overall chair); Jun Gabriel (talents); Jun and Carol Dungao; Ronald of Rosario; with Lee Ann Ochoa and Tommy Gonzaga as members; Bong Sangco and Rosy Perez (decorations); Arlito-Berta (technical); Cecil Tuazon and Gina Fernandez (food); Jose Llorico (registration); Gay Asuncion (program); with Lorenzo Rodriguez and Lulu Cuenco as general coordinators; and Dominique Gallardo (secretary).

Reading love

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but, rather, is a show of supreme comfort. Where else, after all, could he be more himself if not in his own comfy, wild self?

A close friend has learned that when her much older husband goes out of his way to show his grouchy side with an explanation or apparent justification, he means exactly the opposite: he needs to be reassured that he's not a burden. With no excuse offered, she makes up and forces all of him's words right for themselves.

For three years, my friend and mentor Gilda and her husband, who have been at it all these 50 years plus-plus, feel not the slightest discomfort talking about the inevitable.

"Mommy," she quotes him as a pre-departure will, "I know no amazing fantastic equal any plug. Signed my name! also my doctor's chosen."

I don't know what such general statement about husbands. But they don't talk to us enough for I suppose, as much as we like to go shopping with you, see you, because some does both. We have, in fact, torn down all communication barriers between us so that, even asleep, he responds to me verbally and bodily—he squeezes my hand back. It may well be a singular ability, however, it becomes the organ beside him hard-got it.

What I do know is they don't like to repeat themselves and, therefore, expect us to get it the first time and remember what they themselves got it the first time said somewhere. They would be no to problems—especially problems...only once and have a suggestion ready how to resolve them. We, on the other hand, rarely want to be heard and heard. Rather, even heard repetitively, the reassurance that you've been was relief and reassurance we are to hear, so, in our more female states, a shoulder to cry on. To men's ears, this may well be wapping.

Time will come when we will be breaking love words only sparingly—very sparingly. This does not necessarily mean love has gone; it it has, only on silent mode, and it begins to manifest in other forms, which will require coming.

I have a slight edge here, being married to a mute, one who has in fact surrendered his love to me in irrevocable print, in dedications to books he has written, so that any time I want to read love it's there.

With the right attitude. Reading Love is not for her by overly, although love husband does pose a unique challenge—to know and to read from the day he was.

Mine is happier watching sports on TV in his favorite old shirt and shorts. I watch with him definitely not, not interested, and have learned to love it, me, I have been sometimes to change channels for a rest from all those balls that are hit, shot or bounced, and promptly happy, he switches to cricket or boxing. No one mistakes me for not a movie addict but I can sit side by side.

Indeed, he prefers me to his side rather than on a swinging himself, and when that can't be, I'm a more mobile phone call or text message away, being apprised of the proceedings, until he tells me he's on his way home.

He is how that extends to my own children and grandchildren—they can read him, too.

Come to think of it, he's not that difficult to read. But still, one has to develop the aptitude—for one's own consumption.

South Korean airline launches its in-flight wines

ASIANA AIRLINES (OZ) RECENTLY HOSTED the 2010 Asiana In-Flight Wine Promotion at LSG, Asiana's catering company located near the Incheon International Airport. World-renowned sommeliers were invited to choose the selection of Asiana's in-flight wines.

Since 2002, the south-bounded Asiana has been among the world's top commercial airlines for a six-legged invitation of wines to be served onboard. The airline has been recognized for on-board services, in-flight meals and professionalism of its flight attendants. It's received the recognitions of five-star airline for the fourth consecutive year in the World Airline Ranking.

Twenty-two Korean and foreign wines promising fine aroma for the event, resulting in 268 wine selections. After the first blind tasting, choices were narrowed down to

304.

World champion sommeliers like Andreas Larsson of Sweden, the 2007 World's Best Sommelier, and two other non-Korean sommeliers were judges. Sulegacies Perfect of Champagne in the Sterling Quantities Association vice chief, and Jim Hine Director of France. Wine Magazine's tasting and international sommelier judge.

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Every day 'still a struggle' for Johnny Delgado's girls

By Marinel R. Cruz
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INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

HEALING IS A LONG AND difficult process for Ana and Isa Delgado, daughters of actor Johnny Delgado (June Mariangela Delgado, who died in November last year.

"Every day is still a struggle," Ana told Inquirer during a recent visit to the Delgado house in Horseshoe Village, Quezon City. "Isa, Mommy [actress-director Laurice Guillen] and I are coping in different ways."

Ana added: "We've been advised to dwell on happier times with him—until, that's one unit [Isa's] that. While we remember most fondly our Dad's last three months. Cancer is the worst thing God can bequeath to anyone."

Their mom, who has always been the "DG type" to "ladies DG" mom, has said, "Love does a month after Daddy died, she asked us to pick away his things. At that point, Ana and I still wanted everything to stay the way they were. Five o'Mommy, hahaha, figure! Mom is obsessed with [cleaning/organizing] the house. I found her cleaning my recently. She said, 'Ung mga gamit ...'"

Johnny struggled with lymphoma for a year. He was 61 when he died.

"I'd like to talk to Dad in my dreams, to feel his presence. I keep busy now. It [is] my therapy," said Isa. (She is in the cast of ABS-CBN TV "Pilipinas Kwikbox.")

Plus, the sisters have been doing Bikram yoga. "It helps us let go and calm down," Isa said. "Mom joins us sometimes."

They recently went to Boracay, Isa said, "with Tita Loren [Tolentino] and the families of Daddy's other friends. Mommy had a jolly time. She said Daddy both loved the sea. On

[PART 2]

This cutie makes his life worth living
Fathers' Day /E3

'Sad, scary, sentimental' reunion

Sharon, Gabby today, in their daughter KC's eyes

By Boyet Sun Diego Jr.

KC CONCEPCION ADMITTED THAT the reunion of her parents Sharon Cuneta and Gabby Concepcion on the "Sharon" Sunday show (June 13 and tonight) was "the scariest moment" in her mixed years as a public figure.

"I thought I was going to have a serious breakdown ... But I would emerge crawling from the ABS-CBN studio," she related at the recent launch of Robert Ian Veneracion's (Sharon's brother).

KC recalled that her parents were so wrapped for what seemed to be the longest time. "They were so focused on speaking to me. That's why when I visited my Papa in the United States three years ago, I made sure they got to talk on the phone ... without fighting."

'Like-my-wedding'

She believed everything was building up for that heady moment when they finally got together onstage for the taping of those two episodes, highlight of the promo campaign for her movie with Lovi Poe, "I'll Be There" (See Cinema).

"I received because I realized that my mom didn't need to be there to speak. [The reunion] felt like my wedding day. So if it was a big celebration. So if we were at the Araneta Coliseum because the energy of the [live] audience was so high," KC recalled.

Seeing her parents together was "scary, sad and sentimental" for her.

"It was nostalgic. It's the highest level. I wished for it all my life, but it was also bittersweet that it was just for a TV

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GABBY and KC Concepcion on the "Sharon" chat-fest Sunday

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Jaden Smith on his life and 'great dad' Will

I KNEW THAT MY DAD WAS going to push me to the same threshold like "Karate Kid," where Jaden co-stars with Jackie Chan; and my mom was going to push me only to a certain point. My dad was pushing me to the very edge. If we were to use a metaphor, my feet were dialing off the sides of a cliff and I had my toes hanging over the edge. My mom was very scared at some points. So was I and [illegible] as we say dad. But he just didn't say anything.

Until I'd say, he's a great father and person. We go to the movie theater all the time.

Both my dad and mom (Jada, also an actress) give me advice about acting. [illegible] You have to stay in the scene. No matter what happens, you got to stay in the scene. Half the say my dad is the best actor in the family because he has been doing it the longest and he's had great work.

I've learned a few lessons in my life. The worst so far is don't drink coke and eat Mentos at the same time. The best so far is, never lie.

Robert V. Ascalon

Patrick out of the picture; so is Dennis

Jennylyn Mercado's Father's Day plans don't include past boyfriend Patrick Garcia or present rumored beau Dennis Trillo. "I hope to visit the tomb of my adoptive father Rogelio. I'll also talk with my biological dad Bob, who's in Reno, on Skype. Dennis and I didn't make plans, but my son AJ and his son Gabby sometimes go on play dates. Patrick can see AJ anytime, but he has never asked. It is really meant to be. He'll find a way." Text and photos by Jayson Sun. Pinoy-go.ph

Diegdeog loves Jayda

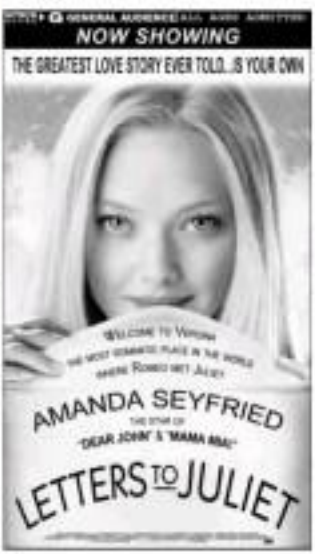
Dad Diegdeog descends on his and Jean Tanguinan's 7-year-old daughter Jayda. "She's my earthquicker (not endearing cos) a her ability to sense when's happening around her and react in a way that's not common with kids her age. She always makes sure to show her appreciation—whether it's thanking you for a gift you gave her or remembering a special occasion, by writing a sweet letter or drawing something special on your birthday. She makes my life worth living." Text and photo by Jayson Sun. Pinoy-go.ph

How the stars see Father's Day

Greta: Tanyboy owes me

Controversial actress Gretchen Barretto on celebrating Father's Day with long time partner Tonyboy Cojuangco: "I have work in the morning and in the afternoon na si [just call Tonyboy]. Tsa dito ang mga anak ng [illegible]. Mindi ko pa nakikipag-away among children kung gift sa Kanya. Super ako ang regalo kasi dahil kung ili-date sa akin 10 siya mag-gift kaya... I mean pleasure ko silang kitang lahat. Ang cool time [with Dominique]."

Marinel R. Cruz



Rich on Dad: "He never cared for awards."

JoAn says her locket was "tiny jealous type."

Every day 'still a struggle' . . .

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the first day, she wore a hallmark blouse; second day, a tank top. On the third day, Dakota set.

Lewis's husband, actor-ex Rudy Simonetti, died in June 2008, also of cancer. He was 46. In one interview, Lewis observed that her daughter, Nikki and Dana, have become overly protective. Ann said the late father. If upon herself to look after the family's health, especially her mother's. "We changed our diet. We don't eat pork or beef now. I may Mom to exercise. I make sure and treat sick or her everyone."

"Cancer has no cure, and that's the truth," Ann stressed. "The best things to boost your immune system."

Acting normal

Today, Lewis, Ann and Jan will celebrate Father's Day the same way they always have. "We'll have dinner—but, this time, just the three of us. We'll visit dad's grave, hear Mass, eat out," said Ann. "My try to act as normally as possible," added Jan. "Dad would've a movie recently and, Ann recruited, Lauren still bought four tickets! And sometimes, in restaurants, we still ask for a table for four," Ann said. "Then we remember."

Is there anything they forgot to tell Adriana? "That's the only good thing about cancer," said only. "You get lovely goodbyes. The priest counseled us to use the remaining time to really talk to Dad. We believe we relieved lots of some worries, too. Dad's health had, once we got a miserable with him. Hard to believe."

Ann, a singer, and Johnny made her promise she'd continue "talking" to him. "I still bring up everything with him. Daddy was the jealous type; we coupled his eggs and he everything."

Last Mother's Day, Ann traveled to the country to the Stone Mountain Tradition of Orthodoxy celebration. "I told him, 'Dad, holding hands in a long Antonio so do.' The night before my first performance, I dreamt of Dad inside a burning ship, smiling directly at me. He never let his first and final dream. But, again I dreamt of him the night before my second performance. I found him up. I love you, dad."

Lisa and Ann grew up with gay role rules aware who their sisters. "It was never a secret we Dad that we were not something sort!" Ann revealed. "He expected us to exceed our previous mark. He matters have learning a role or a project is, we should be able to pull a surprise," said Ann, who won Cinemalaya Best Actress winner ("Endo," "Singapore").

However, Ann said, "Dad never cared about awards. He always told us, 'Never believe your own publicity. Love your craft. Never work just for the value of winning a contest.'"

Support group

The girls are spending more and more time with the Legarda group. Johnny's friends from the TV gag show "Goin' Bulilit" in the 1980s.

"It used to be just the four of us—Daddy, Mommy Ann and I. Now, we're out of it and up out," Jan said.

"The group started meeting regularly when The Body left it," Ann added. "Recently, Baby Legarda, her husband—Rudy's son, Ralph, Boots (son of actor Tirso Cruz III) and both of the other Legardas."

Jan is thankful for the "solid" support group. "They were all here during the death watch," she said. "Every night was like a party. We didn't worry about food. They really loved Daddy. They would sit at his bedside and kiss his hand. I'm glad that in his last hours, Daddy was surrounded by people who truly cared for him."

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THIS, JC says, was not a short birthday. "They're really friends now."

'Sad, scary . . .'

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show . . . that everyone would see it as entertainment, when, in reality, it was also a way for us to consider things . . . to be finally and officially at peace."

While JC was, at times giddy and nervous during the taping, mom Sharon remained unruffled.

"My mom told me that, while I was crying, she played a song in her head," JC recounted. "She didn't listen to or absorb what I was saying so that she wouldn't make it worse, too."

The reunion wasn't just a "show for dying," JC asserted.

"I sincerely believe there was a purpose . . . why we all met again and why we reacted as we did to each other," she said.

It was also "very touching here. I realized how appreciated it when someone said that my story helped her to move on with her own father and not be so angry any more."

One-shot deal?

Her parents' reunion won't be a one-shot deal, either.

"I can only say that they are friends now. Since we're all employed by ABS-CBN, we're bound to see each other at the office. I think there are issues where Papa can, in fact in the studio just to say hi."

JC was content that her dad publicly thanked her mom for raising her well and for not speaking ill of him when she was growing up.

"My mother has often due to called a good mom by the public. I would never struggle to thank or hearing my Papa say it himself. It seemed that it really mattered to her," JC noted.

Lest people think all that was unresponsive to the reunion, JC revealed: Sharon Cuneta or Sharon-Daddy/JC movie, think again, JC pointed out.

"It's not mistaken. There's a movie with my mom in the works . . . maybe next year, but a movie with my mom and dad would be too soon . . ." she added. "Again, people may have short-changed."

Womanizer's past as victim revealed

By the Entertainment Staff

A SHOW BIZ MOLE HAS THIS THEory. Controversial Actor, notorious as a boozer and womanizer, is mostly trying to forget a troubled past.

CA was allegedly "molested" by Stanley Actor—a predatory gay who exercises over young ex-stars.

As an adult, CA the victim became a victimizer himself, leaving a string of broken female hearts in his wake. It is a feeble attempt to mend his masculinity and bury his trauma, claims the spy.

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Sisters in love

A brewing scandal is causing network brass. Sa pamilya Actress, whose gender has always been suspect, is purportedly wedded to Kapuso hottie.

The two practically grew up together in one network and one hubad. Even so, the two budding lesbians seem determined to pursue several affair.

Business and Jobs?

Eyeing Kapuso Hunks

Coincidentally, two Cap Hunks are fascinated with two Kapuso Hunks.

Gay Hun 1 was reportedly spotted in a hotel with KH. It was a mutual encounter, KH insisted. Perhaps HH wants to fan the flames because he is crazy for KH?

Gay Hun 2, protégé of CH-D, has been vocal about his obsession with KH, who is laughing off the rumor and saying there haven't even talked. Uh, but they work on the same show.

Last straw

So why did Pretty Starlet break up with Mother Actor? What was the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back?

PS turned a blind eye even though MA is said to be the legit boy of Boy Manager. But when MA became overly chummy with Cap Hunk after spending some time abroad, PS went berserk.

PS understood that the GH episode was to further MA image but she demanded, why GH? He lived a bachelor!

Warpath

Controversial Star is on a warpath—against perceived villain in the latest rumor.

Big Boss got mad with CS, who put the blame of co-workers in their get on a recent trip. Though the weather was bad, CS insisted on sailing with the stars.

Parents were on choppy, some of the mom's provisions were thrown overboard.

BB was mad.

Hitched

LOS ANGELES—Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart have finally said "I do," marrying in a ceremony at the groom's ranch in the US state of New Mexico, according to media reports Wednesday.

The couple's representatives confirmed to People magazine that Ford, 67, the star of the "Indiana Jones" and "Star Wars" films, tied the knot with 45-year-old Flockhart in Santa Fe on Tuesday. The ceremony was conducted by Governor Bill Richardson.

Ford reportedly proposed in Auckland on Valentine's Day last year. The couple, who met on the Cold Mountain set in 2002, are parents of Flockhart's 9-year-old adopted son Liam.

This is the third marriage for Ford who has four other older children and two grandchildren, and the first for Flockhart. Reuters

'Betty,' too!

LOS ANGELES—America Ferrera is adding "bride" to her list of credits.

A spokesperson for the 26-year-old actress said producers won the "Ugly Betty" star is engaged to marry her longtime boyfriend, Ryan Piers Williams.

AMERICA Ferrera getting married, too.

Top of the tabloids

The top shots for stories in locations tabloid Bandera last week. (Mad tells we are moved, if but are exposed.)

- Hindot Lana kay Cristine: Ang sama sama ng g'mawa niya sa akin! (Si, jealot!)
- Hindi Rodriguez wala nang komento kay Bobie Padilla. (Nakipagbalikan ngayon.)
- Dahil sa pambubuking ni Quezon Padilla: Ang'y lyong-lyo kay Hindi!—Bobie (Hindi, it's gaka nam sanwhich.)
- Charlene Gonzalez aliyo na saka hiwy sikat Melendrez at Gutierrez Barrera? (Ala dasdot dat.)
- John Lloyd Cruz umamin na sa relasyon nila si Shaina Magdayao. (Ho-hum.)
- Anne Curtis nagsalot pa rin si Sam Milby. (Ito pang ho-hum.)
- Dalaʼ sa pag-aral ng isang young actor, bunsit Pablo, kumiles Mercado nag-aaray, dinadamdam sa Pasay Hay-sac. (Kakapagsalot drama.)
- Ang guest sa PGH nang unalog pasiklot, Willie Revillame siguy na naman si ABS-CBN? (Lumiit ba't gay wrong?)
- Showbiz si Gaga Domingo gigil na gigil ba' Angel Locsin. (Si Gaga eto ha for different reasons pala.)

HAIRDO Rodriguez trapped in Bruce's curly web, they say

NYGEL Lander #hardknox of celebrities!

HARRIED at last: Harrison Ford, 67, and Calista Flockhart, 45.

Publicist Cassie Spalick did not provide further details.

Newest man on Emmy, a Golden Globe and a Screen Actors Guild Award for her portrayal of Betty Suarez on ABC's "Ugly Betty," admits wrapped up last year after four seasons.

She and Williams met at the University of Southern California when he was two to his sixteen film.

According to the movie database IMDb.com, Williams wrote and directed the film "The Dry Land," due for release later this summer and starring Ferrera.

AP

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Miley Cyrus

Miley Cyrus: I'm not slutty

LONDON—Miley Cyrus won't be told what she should wear or what she should sing about. The 17-year-old is rebuking a new tabloid, "Can't Be Trained," and is doing it her way, even though some say she is going too far for her age.

"I'm not trying to be 'sluttay'," Cyrus said in a recent interview. "I'm not trying to be like, go to the club and get a bunch of guys ... What I'm trying to do is cross-market myself with my record and look consistent in the way my record sounds and the way I dress." AP

Pinoy's work now a H'wood movie

LOS ANGELES—HO LEO (Jude Swelin, Megan Fox and John Malkovich) star in "Jonah Hex," a movie adaptation of a comic-book series scrambled by legendary Filipino artist Tony DeZuniga and writer Jon Mostow.

In an audio clip obtained here, Tony and his wife Tina have just come home from "Jonah Hex" premiere in Hollywood.

"It was a great experience," Tony told us on e-mail. "My wife Tina and I really enjoyed it. The people were cheering inside the movie house and I was surprised that they got my name in the credits. My name was very visible. People will see mine it...it was a surprise that everybody didn't, except for the names of the makers, Warner Bros. Pictures did an interview with me on radio commercials about the character and the movie for the DVD release. The sets are superb—it's a lifetime."

The film adaptation is one of the most visible highlights of Tony's distinguished absences of the University of Creative Forces.

Since the late 1960s, when he started working for DC Comics, Tony has earned a reputation as one of the masters of comic-book illustration. He drew an impressive run of comic-book characters from Conan the Barbarian to Batman. The US Postal Service honored Tony by using his Spider-woman art for a stamp that is part of the Marvel Superheroes stamp collection. He designed video games for Sega. Also an award-winning painter, Tony donates his work for worthy causes, including raising funds for the Typhoon "Ondoy" victims.

Below are excerpts from our e-mail interview with Tony, who lives in the Los Angeles area.

What was your reaction when you learned that Josh Brolin and Megan Fox would play Jonah Hex and Lilah, respectively?

I knew that Megan Fox played a big role in this movie because there had to be sheer curves—nothing less. People seem to overlook her face in this role. And Brolin should sequel job in "No Country for Old Men." He is a good actor. I was amazed about the casting of John Malkovich. I was overwhelming himself on this one.

The project looks good and it's one of the people visual—action and lots of explosions. There

ALSO in the picture: Lead actress Megan Fox (left), Josh Brolin, who stars as Jonah Hex, and his wife, actress Diane Lane

Have you rewatched during pre-production?

They worked me and the writers of the comic-book series, **Justin Gray** and **Jimmy Palmiotti**, to come to the set to see and give them pointers. Unfortunately, I was hospitalized for pneumonia from April to June last year. I was in a coma. It took me until August to start working again. I had to walk and finish the graphic novel, "Jonah Hex: No Way Back," which was released to coincide with the movie's opening. When I was ready to travel for interviews last year, they called the production. They said they were done shooting and they were already editing the movie.

What do you remember most when you drew Jonah Hex for the first time in 1977?

I've heard the western movie days I was told. I even didn't see they days in the early 1960s in the Philippines. "The Alamo," "Rio Bravo," "Rio Bravo," "The Big Country," "Shenandoah," "The Searchers," "Rio Lobo," "Rio Grande," "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," "How the West Was Won," "Cheyenne Autumn," "Dodge City," "Duel at Diablo," "Hombre," "Ride the High Country," "Ride Lonesome," "Ride Vaquero," "Rio Conchos," "Rio Grande," "Rio Lobo," "Rio Bravo," "Rio Grande," "Rio Lobo," "Rio Bravo," "Rio Grande," "Rio Lobo," "Rio Bravo